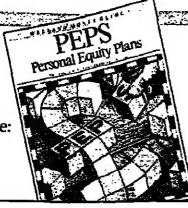
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WEEKEND



Many feared injured in South Quay explosion after Dublin coded warning

Bomb ends IRA ceasefire

Rush-hour blast at Docklands railway station

By Andrew Pierce and Nicholas Watt

THE IRA ceasefire appeared to be in tatters last night after a huge bomb exploded on London's Isle of Dogs as thousands of office workers were making their way home.

Hospitals had to treat more than a hundred casualties, a handful of them seriously hurt, after the blast at the South Quay Docklands Light Railway station near the Canary Wharf office block tower. A breakaway group of the IRA was believed to have been

responsible for the explosion at one minute past seven. Homes and offices were evacuated and dozens of fire engines and firefighters de-

scended on the scene from all four corners of the capital. Residents poured into the streets as the force of the blast blew-out their windows.

RTE, the Irish national broadcasting network, said that it had received a coded

IRA warning that "with great reluctance" the ceasefire that began on August 31, 1994, ment added that blame for the failure of the peace process lay "squarely with John Major and his Government". The ceasefire had presented an historic challenge, but the British Government had acted in bad faith.

Sinn Fein, however, claimed to know nothing of the statement and there was a question mark over whether the IRA had in fact called off its ceasefire or whether it was the action resulting from a split in the organisation.

The police and a national newspaper had also received telephone warnings and the South Quays station had been evacuated an hour before the blast. Police had sealed off the area and stopped all trains.

The power of the bomb shock the huge Canary Wharf

Greta Sapwell, 24, who was



scene of the bomb blast at South Quay station last night. The station had been evacuated after a telephoned bomb threat

Tower and could be heard eight miles away. One worker in the block said: "There was a big thumping roar near the building. Everyone is extremely shocked and there are fire alarms going off." Another said: The whole building shook. Dust came down from the ceiling. It was a deafening

rumble. A woman employee at the London Docklands Development Corporation said: "The windows were blown out. It felt like a hurricane blowing through.

ton public house a few hundred yards from the blast, said: "I have never heard anything like it. It was incredibly loud. Three windows fell top of us. Reaction was surprisingly calm. We were shocked. But the rest of the pub remained in control."

Sir High Annesley, the RUC Chief Constable, gave a warning only last weekend that the IRA might resume bombing and said the mainland would be the main target. At least one active service unit has remained on the British mainland throughout the ceasefire and MI5. Special Branch and notice have been monitoring IRA cells reconnoiting possible sites for attacks since the

Scotland Yard and other constantly updated on the IRA threat, but these assessments have been scaled down from weekly to monthly. Commander John Greive, the new head of the anti-terrorist

branch, is due to take over command on Monday and only this week finished his briefings and discussions with

agencies including M15. Canary Wharf has swiftly earned a reputation as a symbolic target for terrorists. It is a prestigious building whose destruction could dent business confidence as with the attacks on Bishopsgate and the Baltic Exchange, which left few casualties but caused huge damage and economic repurcussions.

Maginnis. Unionist MP, said the target IRA's last action before the ceasefire was thwarted when explosives were seized in Heysham. That was destined for the Isle of Dogs on that occasion," he said.

Mr Magginnis, security spokesman for the Ulster Unionists, added: "I would wish to be able to say that I amsurprised and that I am shocked, but unfortunately I am not. Right from the time the IRA announced the ceasefire, I described it as an attempt to open a window which would give the IRA an opportunity to blackmail our

Government, the Irish Gov-

emment and the people of

Northern Ireland. Joe Hendron, the SDLP MP, said it was possible that a splinter group of the IRA was Government of dragging its feet on the peace talks. "I am not saying the IRA should have gone back to violence but the Government has been

playing with fire.

They have been playing a very dangerous game. The people of Northern Ierland will be numbed by this news." News of the bombing was received with alarm and dismay in Washington, where

so much political capital in promoting the peace process.

The White House was urgently seeking to establish the facts and officials said there would be no statement

sident Clinton has invested

or comment until "we understand what has happened. One senior congressional source said he believed IRA hardliners and moderates had split just as the militant Hamas group of Muslim fundamentalists split from the Palestine Liberation Organisation and that this could be a disaster for the peace process.

TODAY IN BRITAIN'S FASTEST-GROWING QUALITY NEWSPAPER

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Zola Budd, back on the fast track

 Sales of The Times izve reached a new high with an average of 887,992 per day in nuary, eccording to the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

 The record circulation represents en increase of aimost 9 per cent vear-on-year

 Average daily sales of The Times for the six months from August 1995 to January 1996 were 673,269. up 10.53 per cent year-on-year.

Guppy sues the Mirror

Darius Guppy, the society fraudster who was released from jail earlier this week, is suing the Mirror Group for failing to honour a £75,000 contract to buy his life story.

His solicitors issued the writ the High Court yesterday, iming that the Daily Mirhad reneged on an agreeet to publish his story ause their chief executive, vid Montgomery, had ved the deal.

Ar Montgomery, "considd £75,000 to be an excessive e", the writ said. The Daily firmer said last night that it would strenuously defend it-self against the writ. The action is bound to reopen the controversy about media payments to convicted criminals. Mr Guppy, a declared bankrupt who was convicted of El.S million insurance fraud served only three years of a five-year sentence.

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk





Hunt launched in London for rapist as car is found

By RICHARD DUCE

A NATIONWIDE hunt for the convicted rapist Victor Farrant - wanted for the murder of his girlfriend and attempting to kill another woman switched to London last night.

Detectives found the missing white Ford Escort Cabriobelonging to Glenda Hoskins, the accountant suffo-cated in the loft of her £115,000 waterside home in Portsmouth, Hampshire, dumped in a street in Plaistow.

It emerged last night that Mrs Hoskins, 45, met Farrant while he was on home leave from an open prison, where he served the last months of a 12year sentence for rape. Mrs Hoskins's car was last night was undergoing tests at the Aldermaston forensic science laboratory. Police, who are keeping a watch on all ports and airports, are also investi-

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE National Lottery is succeeding where generations of feminists have

failed in getting Britain's golf clubs to give equal rights to women members.

Two of Scotland's more traditional

clubs have been told they will lose

awards if they don't change their

gating two positive sightings of Farrant in Brighton and Portsmouth on Wednesday, the day of the murder. Last night John Greenway

a Conservative member of the Commons home affairs select committee, condemmed the decision to allow Farrant three separate periods of home leave before his release. This calls into question what assessments were made of this man's suitability for home leave and his categorisation as someone who could be put in an open prison. These kinds of decision encourage distrust in the minds of the public about the people making the assessment for home leave."

Farrant is described by police as "extremely danger-ous" and is Britain's most wanted man. He was released from jail after serving just

under seven years of a 12-year sentence imposed for rape. Farrant, 45, was discharged from Ashwell jail at Oakham in Rudand on November 7. The jail is a category C prison for men and it was the last of several prisons in which Farrant had been held since

his conviction. He was sentenced at Lewes Crown Court on November 25, 1988, to 12 years for rape and grievous bodily harm. Under the rules then operating Farrant was automatically and unconditionally released from jail after serving two thirds of his sentence which included the time he spent on remand before conviction. Farrant was never given parole. Detectives believe he has links with Sussex. Dorset and Leicestershire and say he is

adept at disguises.

ing with a 200-year-old tradition and

allowing women golfers full voting

rights and a say in the running of the

club at Balcomie Links on the shores of the Firth of Forth. If they do not

change their constitution, the mem-

bers risk losing a £442,000 award from

The Scottish Sports Council's Lottery

in Aberdeen is facing a similar ultimatum. To obtain a £185.000

lottery grant it will have to make

The £340-a-year Deeside Golf Club

Five years' jail for lord in cars fraud

By BILL FROST

LORD BROCKET, the poloplaying friend of the Prince of Wales, was today beginning a five-year prison term after admitting a £4.5 million insur-ance fraud involving four

classic Italian sports cars. The disgraced peer swayed slightly in the dock at Luton Crown Court yesterday as the sentence was pronounced. Earlier, he had hung his head as Judge Daniel Rodwell told him that his conduct in compelling two employees to take part in the botched swindle was quite disgraceful. Lord Brocket, 43, was taken

from court to Bedford prison. He will be kept there while officials decide where he should serve his sentence. Also in the dock with the Third Baron yesterday were Mark Caswell, 39, Brocket's

chauffeur, and Stephen Gwy-ther, 40, a handyman on his

employer's estate. They were both sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years. The judge said that they had been "suborned" by Brocket into abetting him.

Desmond de Silva, QC defending, told the court that his client had acted out of panic and not greed when he hatched a plot to defraud General Accident and Lloyd's of London by pretending that the cars had been stolen from Brocket Hall, the family's stately home in Hertfordshire. The "madcap" scheme came to the peer as he suffered "sear-

ing marital unhappiness". Before sentence was passed Mr de Silva said Brocket had dreamt up the crime to pre-serve the family home for his heirs. "Lord Brocket was author of his own misfortune."

Decline and fall, page 3

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Lottery pushes golf clubs to drop sex handicap radical alterations to its constitution, mention of them in the application including granting equal rights to form. We have not had time to

consider the implications and what we At the Crail Golfing Society, where membership costs £120-a-year, there are 200 women members but they have no voting rights. Jim Horsfield, the club's secretary, said that the issue of full voting rights for women had been under consideration for three years and had not been prompted by

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The male members of Crail Golfing Society will vote next week on break-LETTERS _____21 OBITUARIES 23 SIMON JENKINS 20

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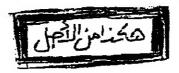
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Ivor Davies, director of the Lottery

Sports Fund, saids a general rule dealing with accessibility and equal

opportunities is attached to all grants.

The news that it will have to rewrite

the rule book has come as a surprise to

members of the Deeside club. Alasdair

Macdonald, club secretary, said: "We

only discovered the conditions when

we got the acceptance. There was no



Town pays its clerk £71,000

AN INQUIRY has begun into why the town clerk of a small river port is paid £71,000 a year — £3,000 more than a Cabinet

Michael Wheaton, 51, who joined the council at Goole. Humberside a decade ago as a part-time clerk on £9.460, is paid more than three times the average annual salary for

The council's linance committee agreed to give him a 31 per cent rise two years ago when he was earning £54,000. The anomaly was discovered £54,000. The by the district auditor.

☐ Brian Brown, chairman of the Andover NHS Trust in Hampshire, took a 10 per cent cut in earnings when the trust was faced with a £350,000 budget deficit it was disclosed

New university heads outstrip Oxbridge on pay

The salaries, which the Gov-

earnings are not related to the

director of Bath College of

Higher Education, for exam-

ple, earned £103,000 last year

compared with the £99,000

paid to the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and

£77,507 for his opposite num-

Dr Peter North, Oxford's

Vice-Chancellor, languished

in the bottom half of the pay

league, having received an

increase of less than £1,000 in

1994-95. Across the city at

Oxford Brookes University,

Dr Clive Booth earned \$13,500

David Triesman, general

secretary of the Association of

University Teachers, said:

"These are big jobs, and it is right that the salaries should

be comparable with those for

major jobs outside universi-

ties. But the same principle should apply to their staff.

who will be hard to persuade if

ber at Oxford.

Bedford and Lincoln.

VICE-CHANCELLORS of the former polytechnics are beating their colleagues at traditional universities into the ranks of big earners, according to the first full comparison of top pay in higher education. published yesterday.

Among the heads of conventional universities, Derek Roberts. Provost of University College London, earned the highest salary, at £129.162. But three of the four best-paid vicechancellors were from new universities: Leeds Metropolitan, Manchester Metropolitan and Glasgow Caledonian. Heads of medical schools.

who boost their salaries with National Health Service payments, earn most, according to the survey in The Times Higher Education Supplement. Cyril Chandler, of the United Medical and Dental School in London, headed the pay league with £139,000 in 1991-95.

More than 40 heads of higher-education institutions broke the £100,000 barrier last year, excluding pensions but taking account of other perks. Some recorded rises of 10 per cent or more at a time when lecturers received increases of less than 3 per cent.

Professor Ken Barker's salary at De Montfort University.

Leicester, rose from £107,000 they are expected to accept. to £118,000. His deputy. Professor Mike Brown, said the The association will submit

rise reflected a large increase claim for a substantial in responsibility as the univerincrease this week, as well as sity had opened new sites in pressing for the establishment of a pay review body for higher education. Vice-chanernment ordered to be pubcellors' salaries are fixed by lished in the universities' governors with reference to annual accounts, show that comparable rates in business and industry.

Keele paid its vice-chancellor the lowest salary among
England's universities, at standing of the institution. The

570,000. Professor Brian Fender has since left to become chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England. Sir William Stubbs, his counterpart at the Further Education Funding Council, is moving in the opposite direction to head the London Institute, a federation of art colleges which paid the fifth-highest salary in the sector last year.

None of the vice-chancellors, however, have the bestpaid job in British higher education. That belongs to an unnamed academic at the London Business School, who earned between £150,000 and £160,000 last year. Her or (more likely) his salary was £27,000 higher than that paid to Professor George Bain, the school's principal.



Campaigners against the £4.30 toll on Skye Bridge marching to Dingwall Sheriff Court yesterday, where prosecutions began against 140 people accused of non-payment. They won the right to challenge the competency of the charges

Computer link to. foil thugs

The Government yesterday unveiled a high-tech weapon to fight football hooliganism at this summer's European championship. "Photo-phones" will enable security staff to send pictures of suspects by computer link between police and the eight grounds where matches will

be played. Every point of entry for foreign supporters will be monitored and under immigration laws the Home Office will be able to turn back any

England fixtures, page 46

Accident pay-out A man who has been in a persistent vegetative state since he fell from a dinghy during air-sea rescue training in 1987 was awarded £100,000 agreed High Court damages. At the time of the accident Lorien Bentley, 24, was on an exercise organised by Winceby

House School, Bexhill on Sea.

East Sussex. Father jailed

A man who put a cigarette into the mouth of his six-week-old son to impress his friends was jailed for 28 days by Maid-stone Crown Court. He admitted ill-treatment but denied that the cigarette was-lit.

Child killed

The Isle of

Wight has

fewest rich

By ROBIN YOUNG THE Isle of Wight does not

share in the wealth of the South. Only 3 per cent of the

islanders pay the higher tax rate — the lowest proportion in

England, according to figures

include Cornwall (3.6) and

Devon (3.8). Somerser (4.5) is lower than Greater Mariches-

tes or Yorkshire, and Dorset

and Norfolk both come below Cleveland (5.1). Leicestershire

(4) and the West Midlands

(3.6) are down in the table with

earners are thicker on the

ground in the home counties. with Buckinghamshire (15.9) heading the list followed by Surrey (15.7), Berkshire (12.7),

Greater London (11.5) and Hertfordshire (11.4) The tax map derives from

1993-94 figures supplied to

Gordon Prentice, Labour MP

or Pendle in Lancashire (4.5). from Michael Jack, the Trea-

sury Financial Secretary.

Tyne and Wear (3.7). More predictably,

prepared by the Treasury. Other southern counties at the bottom of the league table

A small child was killed and its mother and another child were injured when an ambulance on a emergency call to a heart attack victim crashed into their car at Dunstable. Bedfordshire.

Duke told 'sorry'

The man who tried to sell details of a phone call by the Duke of Edinburgh is to send him an apology. Neville Hawkins, of Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk, will not lose his job as a hospital maintenance worker.

Damages denied

Mervyn Bartlett of Botley. Oxfordshire who has had a piece of needle lodged in his tongue for five years after an operation, has failed at Oxford County Court to win damages from the health authority.

Burns man dies

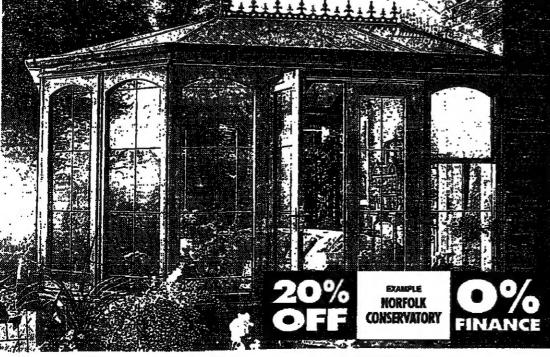
Richard Horrobin, 20, of New ark, Nottinghamshire, died in hospital two days after setting himself on fire because he had split up with his girlfriend. He had suffered 70 per cent

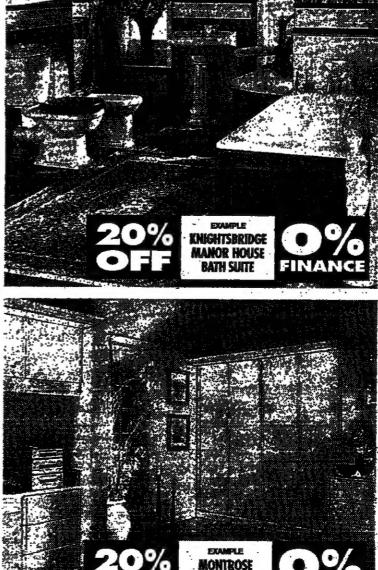
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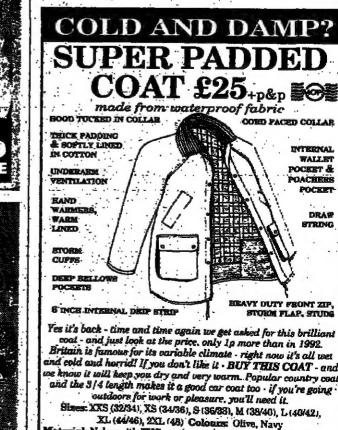
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Appeal court frees girl jailed for murder at 14

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE youngest female murder "like predatory animals" on convict in Scotland was freed yesterday after appeal judges ruled that she had been the victim of a miscarriage of

Claire Codona was 14 when she was sentenced to be detained indefinitely last year for her part in a brutal murder in a park. Yesterday the judges ruled that there was insufficient evidence against her and that an admission made under intense police questioning had

been obtained unfairly.

Miss Codona, of Glasgow, appeared bewildered after the decision was read out at the Court of Appeal in Edinburgh. but she burst into tears when she realised that she had been freed. After she had been led away to be reunited with her mother, Janette, Miss Codona's solicitor, Gerry Mc-Clure, said: "She will certainly e going back to school. She will just be getting on with the rest of her childhood now."

She was convicted of the murder of Michael Doran after a trial at the Glasgow High Court in October. Mr Doran, 35, was stabbed and stamped to death in a park that was frequented by homosexuals. Every bone in his face and skull was fractured.

John Cairns, 18, Miss Codona's boyfriend, who pleaded not guilty, and Richard Bell. 20, and Richard Ferguson, 16. who changed their pleas to guilty during the trial, were sentenced to life

imprisonment. Colin Boyd, QC, for the prosecution, said at the trial that the gang had homed in

three men. Two escaped but the gang set upon Mr Doran. described by his family as a quiet, gentle man. Afterwards the three youths, their clothes still drenched in blood, boasted about what they had done

The appeal court was told that Miss Codona was questioned at length by two policewomen with only her father, who was an alcoholic, present. Her counsel, Gordon Jackson. QC. said Mr Codona, who had separated from his wife, had been unable to protect his daughter's interests. At the end of the questioning Miss Codona. clearly distressed, admitted kicking Mr Doran on the feet once. She later retracted her admission.

Yesterday Lord Hope, the Lord Justice-General, who was sitting with Lord Suther-land and Lord Murray, said that the police could not be criticised for cross-examining the girl, especially about her knowledge of the part played in the attack by others. But he said that questioning about her own involvement appeared to be an attempt to extract from her admissions that she was clearly not prepared to make voluntarily.

Miss Codona's home was decorated with balloons and a "Welcome Home" banner yesterday as her brothers, George, 19, and Mark, 21, awaited her return. George Codona said: "It's going to be great to have Claire back again. She should never have been locked away in the first



Papa and Nicole: Renault's commercial was singled out as particularly offensive

Women insulted by 'patronising' TV car adverts

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

ADVERTISING campaigns for cars are stuck in a 1950s time warp that patronises women and ignores their growing purchasing power. according to a survey published yesterday.

Renault's commercial for its Clio small car, featuring Papa and Nicole, was singled out for criticism by researchers, who said that many women found it insulting that Nicole is portrayed as a spoilt child who drives a car bought by her indulgent father. Some women objected to

an advertisement showing a man with her hair blowing through the sun roof of a Ford Fiesta, which was described as your 16-valve hair-drier". They also disliked commercials showed macho images of cars speeding or going over cliffs because they contained little practical information about safety features or prices. Julia Dunn, media re-search director with the mag-

azine company Condé Naste which conducted the survey, said more than half

women polled felt they were patronised by the car industry. The idea that women wanted a powder-blue coupe with a vanity mirror persisted with some manufacturers, whereas most women said that safety, service contracts and power were their criteria

in choosing a car. The survey of more than 700 women by Condé Naste, showed that 98 per cent of respondents possess their own car. Some 84 per cent of men car owners bought their vehicle with their own money and 60 per cent made the choice completely on their own. Ten per cent of women drivers have a company car-and in 1995 women bought 48 per cent of all new cars sold

for private use. Nicholas Coleridge, mas aging director of Conde Naste, publishers of the upmarket titles Vogue, Tatler and Vanity Fair, said: "Advertisers are still stuck in the mid 1950s when it comes to selling cars."

One for the road, Car 96

THE SUNDAY TIMES Farewell to the Lords?

Obby" the 12th Duke of St Albans, hereditary grand falconer of England, intended to take a live falcon to the 1953 coronation. When



informed that it would have to be a stuffed bird instead, he refused to attend at all.

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By Alexandra Frean

THE veteran entertainer Charlie Chester announced his retirement from radio yesterday, three months after suffering a stroke.

The BBC confirmed that Chester, 82. will not return to Sunday Soapbox. the Radio 2 show he has presented since 1969. He will be replaced "for the time being by Frank

Jim Moir. controller of Radio 2. said: "After 50 years in the front line of entertainment, the time has come for Charlie to stand easy for a while and recuperate." Stand Easy was the name of his first radio show.

The comic, who started his career in music hall, is said to

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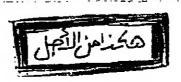
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Calm Scott keeps his head above the flood

'The wettest, most liberal judge they could find? Sir Richard merely smiles

ir Richard Scott likens his situation this week to the rainy summers of his boyhood in Natal, when the waters of the River Mooi were in flood. You could jump in and just let the current carry you along. "I'm now in the stream, I don't even need to swim," he says. After three years of circumspect silence, he is now swept along

Angry Scott lashes back at critics": headline soundbites pre-hyping next Thursday's publication of his report are vividly at odds with Scott's equable demeanour. "By next week they will have exhausted their epithets. Perhaps there will be a stunned silence."

To see him you climb a spiral staircase, past the long room where the Scott inquiry took place, to an upper floor of the Department of Trade and Industry, a converted hotel between Buckingham Palace and Victoria Station.

His mind is quick, his intellect keen, his tone clipped. his manner mild and affable. His favourite reading is Wodehouse. He is of medium height, spry for 61, and weighed in at 13st 7lbs at the last Bar point-to-point. Let Sir Bernard Ingham huff about "dredging up the wettest, most liberal judge they could find"; Sir Richard merely smiles his blue-eyed smile. As he said of such critics as Lord Howe of Aberavon and Douglas Hurd. they were not on my Christ-

mas card list anyway". As a judge, he says, he is bound to be part of the Establishment. But his "outsider status, and his individualistic pursuits, make him more interesting than that. Characteristically, he went (unnoticed) to see the Tricycle Theatre's dramatisation of the

seeing himself impersonated

He was born in India and raised in South Africa. At Cambridge he took a First, was a rugby Blue (wing for-ward) and bridge player, but not a Union debater. From there he went to the University of Chicago as a Bigelow Fellow and spent the year courting his New York-born Panamanian wife, who was reading Christian culture. They married in Panama that

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honeymoon trip in two single Caribbean on a German banana-boat captained by a former U-boat commander.
"My wife wishes me to

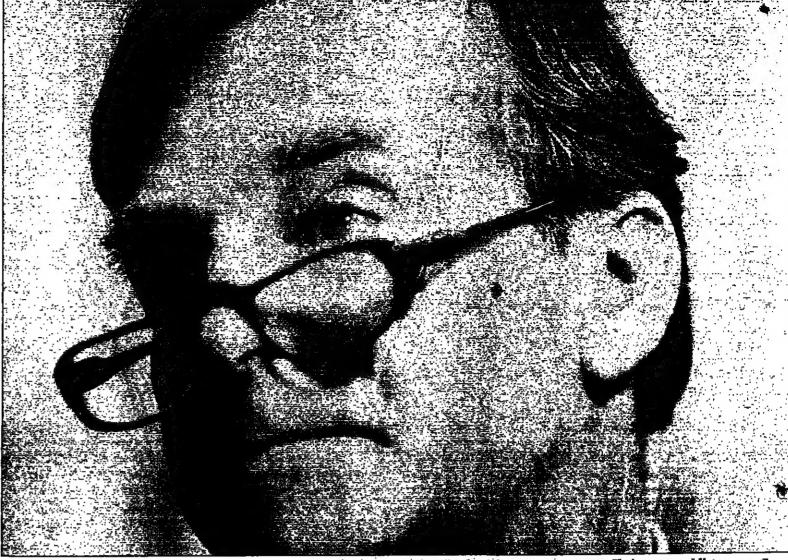
correct the fallacy that she was a flamenco dancer, as if ! picked her up in some Cuban bar," he says. "But there is a substratum of fact. My mother-in-law was a professional Spanish dancer who opened a dancing school which became the Panamanian national dance institute, so my wife was always involved in dancing." All their children speak Spanish — a daughter, who edits Spanish children's guages; he failed his Afrikaans exam at school. Two of his children have converted to Islam (one daughter who did a PhD in Islamic theology at Oxford, and a son who makes furniture in Manchester) and his eldest son, a mathematician, works in computer software programming in the United States.

The attempts to define Scott as eccentric, barmy etc are very wide of the mark. The bicycle on which he has been photographed so often is merely the most "efficient, independent" way to get round traitor for daring to clean out the Augean stables, but impatient of pomp or pretence; so he was neither awed by Thatcher nor cowed by Howe.

To Lord Howe's complaints that Scott failed to observe the six Salmon principles, he responds that there should be only one principle: "to devise procedures that are (a) fair and (b) efficient. I slightly bridle at the idea that there should be rules. I don't think there is any argument to support the 'un-fairness' charge." He rejects the view that his inquisition was aggressive; aggression is

not his style. He decided not to allow television cameras into the inquiry — because of their intrusiveness (a correct decision, he adds in a footnote, after the O.J. Simpson trial) and the possibility of unbal-

appear in public to explain their actions. If there was any element of unfairness in the procedure I used, it would have been found there. I don't



Sir Richard Scott: he is unmoved by attacks from Lord Howe and Douglas Hurd - "they were not on my Christmas card list anyway"

pressure of appearing in open hearings in front of sceptical ournalists to defend what one has done as a minister or civil servant. While recognising that pressure, I think the decision to have the hearings in public whenever practicable was correct; where public fig-ures are being questioned about the manner in which they discharge their duties. where allegations of made, the public is entitled to

see them examined." He is a libertarian: his 1987 Spycatcher judgment (The reasons put forward explain-

are shallow and unconvincing rarely dramatic - he has ... The facts surrounding the decision not to attempt to restrain publication are, as they emerged in the evidence given before me, very curious") was an indication of his attitude to unnecessary secrecy.

report, he says that Mark Higson, late of the Iraqi desk at fied himself as the source of one leak; "and I think I know who was responsible for the second leak last summer". After years in the Chancery.

enjoyed his three years "working with a small, highly moti-vated and efficient team among whom Presiley Baxendale, QC, quickly established

Sir Richard lists no gentle-men's clubs in Who's Who, He has no need of clubs: he prefers to go home. He pon-ders: should be feel slighted not to have been put up for the Garrick? "Perhaps I'm like King John — and sometimes no one spoke to him for days and days and days." He does list Vanderbilt Racquet Club - the tennis club where William Waldegrave plays. But they have never bumped into each other on that sort of

Asked if he was a wiser man after his inquiry, he adapted F.E. Smith's reply: "I'm a better informed man. And will his five-volume, 1,800-page report be as riveting as Denning? "Nobody writes like Denning or speaks like Den-ning," he replies: "It would be

It was not his idea to give ministers their week-long preview of his report; he was persuaded to allow it. But Scott will hold his own press conference that afternoon

criticisms: "Criticisms of a judge's judgments are a fact of life") and will promptly depart preme Court, and takes on his new one as Head of Civil

John Major correctly divined that Scott was neither one of us, nor one of them: the ideal choice. After seeing him I applied a test. Would I entrust a crucial question regarding try own life to Scott's jude ment and probity? Yes. would But being imperfect. would feel, as Lord Howe put

Point-scoring raises Tory morale, but the fight is far from over TORY MPs are currently chirpy up even before the Harriet san exchanges which dominate and Labour members deflated, it Harman row blew up, possibly Prime Minister's Questions. The

could all turn round again after next Thursday and the publication of the Scott report. But a distinct change in the morale of the Tories has occurred over the past three weeks, thanks to a combination of the opinion polls and some strong performances by John Major at Prime Minister's

Both can, and have been, exaggerated. It is premature to talk of a turning point which alters the odds of the next election. But, as the MORI poll for The Times showed two weeks ago, Tory support had already begun to pick reflecting an improvement in economic confidence.

This trend has been confirmed. by this week's two polls from ICM and Gallup, even though the latter probably exaggerated the underlying change since comparison was with an unusually low rating for the Tories at the beginnging of January. Labour's previous big lead has narrowed a little, but is still huge by past standards.

Tory spirits have also been boosted by events in Parliament. This is currently operating on two different levels. The most familiar is the campaigning: highly parti-

other is routine Commons business, scrutinising the executive and legislating, which carries on as before, largely out of the limelight.

A few dozen MPs have spent many hours this week debating the details of the Bills implementing the Budget tax cuts, tightening asylum and immigration rules and on housing. There has always been a tension between these two aspects of politics, but it has got much worse since the New Year as the Tories have moved to a preelection footing. Prime Minister's Questions has been turned by the

Tories into an extended series of attacks on Labour.

On Thursday, only one of five questions asked by a Tory MP was even remotely about the responsibilities of the Prime Minister himself, and the exception, about a National Lottery grant to a Milton Keynes theatre, was turned by Mr Major into a

This is not unusual. Labour has calculated that three-quarters of Tory questions to Mr Major are about Labour, and about two-

cus on Labour rather than the Government's conduct.

It is all point-scoring politics at its worst. A Tory MP gets up and says isn't it good that the Government does not favour giving in to the unions, breaking up the United Kingdom or being hypocritical, and Mr Major agrees, giving a quote from a Labour MP to embarrass the Opposition.

However dreadful it is to endure, there is no reason why Tory MPs should not raise questions about alleged contrasts between Mr Blair's "new" Labour aspira-tions and continuing "old" Lab-

Mr Blair claims, it has almost inverted the roles of government and opposition. The Harman row allowed the

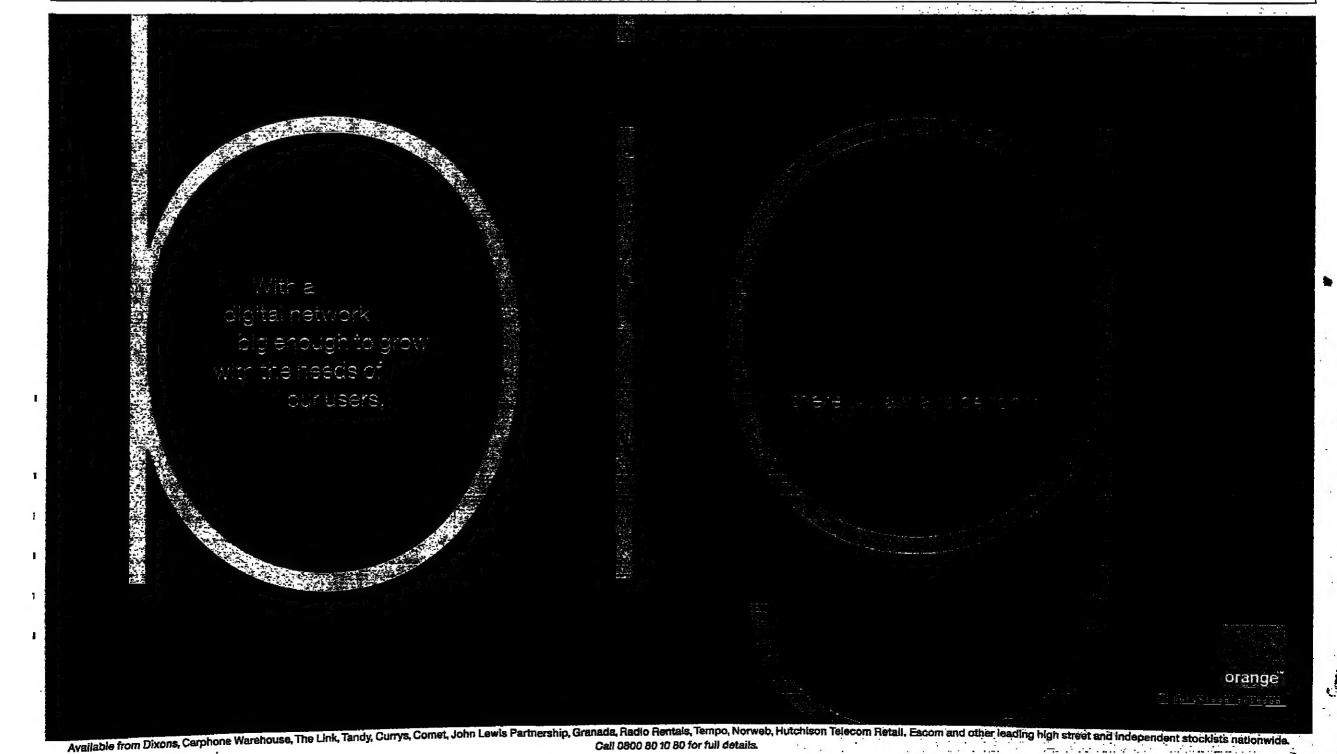
Tories to go on the offensive. Armed with some sharp oneliners, Mr Major has turned in several strong performances, to the gleeful cheers of his own side, even though the raucous jousting has not always played so well on successes have done wonders for his morale and that of Tory backbenchers.

This matters since an improve-

Prime Minister's Questions. As tive supporters in the country. And, under the party chairman Brian Mawhinney and his new research and communications feam. Conservative Central Office has become much sharper in responding to Labour and going on the attack

At present these are merely skirmishes, not decisive engagements. The Tories still have a long, long way to recover and they have no shortage of headaches. current and imminent, on railways and Scott.

PETER RIDDELL



'Someone misbehaved. That happens'

Major shrugs off botched start to railway sell-off

By Jonathian Prynn, transport correspondent

JOHN MAJOR struggled to limit the political damage caused by the disastrous launch of rail privatisation as the search began yesterday for a fresh buyer for the Southend "misery line"

The Prime Minister insisted that the timetable for the sale of British Rail services would be unaffected by allegations of ticket fraud at the London Tilbury & Southend (LTS) commuter franchise.

'Someone misbehaved. That happens, it happens in the public sector, it happens in the private sector," Mr Major said on a school visit in his Huntingdon constituency. It has not thrown the timetable into chaos. It is tiresome that we will have to refranchise the LTS line, but that's all."

Labour was quick to seize on the word "misbehaved" which is saw as as a damaging gaffe by Mr Major. This isn't misbehaviour. These are serious allegations of fraud involving thousands of pounds," John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said. Brian Wilson, the party's transport spokesman, also accused Mr Major of making light of serious

LTS had been chosen as one

of the first three franchises to be sold because it was regarded as one of the simplest to privatise. However, rail experts said the problems at LTS were unlikely to hold up privatisation significantly as he Government was committed to selling the vast bulk of the 25 passenger franchises, 23 of which are still owned by

BR, before May next year. The management buyout for the LTS franchise was abandoned on Thursday after Chris Kinchin-Smith, the managing director, and Roger Turner, the finance director. were removed from their jobs by British Rail.

An investigation into ticket sale irregularities found no evidence that they were in-volved, but John Welsby, the British Rail chairman. decided that senior management changes were necessary at the franchise. They will be given new jobs at BR's headquarters in London.

The sale of the LTS franchise will now start again virtually from scratch with shortlisted bidders beaten by the management buyout team invited to reapply by Roger Salmon, the rail franchise director, a process that is

The shortlisted companies are companies. GB Railways. a management buy-in team, and Stagecoach, the bus company that has already won the South West Trains franchise.

In the Commons Labour MPs demanded an emergency statement from Sir George Young, the Transport Secre-tary. Donald Anderson, Lab-our MP for Swansea East. said: "Given the seriousness of the situation and the shambolic nature of the Government's programme, surely Sir George should be here to make a statement to the

David Chidgey, the Liberal Democrat's transport spokes-man, said: "This proves conclusively that the government system of franchising is a total

Roger Ford, editor of Rail Privatisation News, said: "The Government is absolutely set on privatisation and is determined to close down BR by the next election. There is some egg on faces and it will raise doubts about Roger Salmon's judement, but in terms of the Government it is just a shell



Braving the rain were, left to right, the Rev Ragglan Haywill, the Rev Peter Owen-Jones, the Rev John Miller and the Right Rev John Bickersteth

Clergymen condemn 'scandalous' bypass

BY ADRIAN LEE

A GROUP of elergymen joined the protest against the Newbury bypass yesterday, holding a service on the construction site. One described the £101 million project as part of the "war against creation" and another accused the Government of being two-faced.

Their stance was condemned by Church leaders in the Oxford diocese, through which the bypass will run, as an act of worship that appeared to encourage people to break the law. The Rev Peter Owen-Jones of St Mary's Church, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, the Right Rev John Bickersteth,

the Rev John Miller, of the United Reform Church. Reading; and the Rev Raggian Haywill, of Sussex University, braved driving rain and freezing cold to conduct the brief service as work continued around them.

Mr Owen-Jones, who later shook hands with security guards, said in his reading: "Looking around us now it does not take a lot of imagination to realise that we are at the centre of a battlefield. We have reached the point of being in a state of war against creation. This simple service is to ask God's forgiveness and to encourage us to work for peace and harmony in the

land we have inherited." A woman protester sobbed loudly as the former bishop read from Psalm 104. He added: "Yes, Lord, we are being thoroughly political, because it is politicians who decide things and You know that, because You were crucified on a trumped-up political charge.

"Please help our Government to see how feeble and two-faced they are being, like Pontius Pilate was 2,000 years ago. These things are a scandal and unworthy of the civilised country we purport to be."

okesman for the Oxford diocese said that local clergy did not share their views. The service has not been authorised by the diocese, nor has it the support of local Church leaders. They will not support an act of worship which appears to encourage the contravention of the law."

About 20 protesters attended the rvice. Greater numbers are expected in Newbury on Sunday for a mass walk and rally in protest at the bypass. A El million road scheme, held up for 10 years by a colony of rare ants, is to go ahead after a compromise was reached with conservationists. It had peen feared work on the Newtown-Machynlleth road in Powys, near Commins-coch, would destroy the colony of Formica rufa ants.

A third of Jews shun synagogue

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

ONE in three Jews in Britain no longer belongs to a syna-gogue and nearly half of Anglo-Jewish men under 40 have a non-Jewish parmer. A survey, due to be pub-

lished next week by the Institute of Jewish Affairs and previewed in yesterday's Jewish Chronicle, shows that Jewish men inter-marry more than women. It is certain to be greeted

with alarm by Orthodox Jews. who make up about 40 per cent of Britain's 300,000strong Jewish community. and the other mainstream bodies which have been struggling to combat a decline in the community caused by intermarriage and assimilation.

The survey, based on 2,000 postal questionnaires, indicates that Britain is following the American trend, where more than half of all Jews now marry non-Jews.

First wedding for **Blackpool Tower**

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A COUPLE were married at Blackpool Tower yesterday, the latest example of how the recent Marriages Act is chang-ing the face of British

With strong winds sweep ing across the snow-covered promenade. Gaynor Sexton tied the knot with Kevin Sands, a marketing executive she met in London five years ago, in the Blackpool Tower

They were the first to marry at the 102-year-old tower. Mr Sands, 41, said: "I always wanted to get married somewhere different. When we heard the tower had been granted its licence for weddings. I thought. That's the place for us.' The tower has been a meeting place for lov ers. It is a magical place."

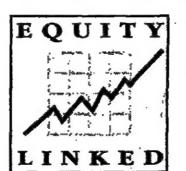
A tower spokesman said: Many people have got engaged after meeting in the tower. It is a unique piece of scaside architecture and is

now registered for weddings." In 1985 the escapologist Karl Bartoni and his bride Wendy Stokes were blessed by a vicar as they hung from a rope from

Thanks to the 1904 Mar-riages Act, which allows local authorities to consider a range of premises for marriage ceremonies, couples are beginning to adopt the American trend for unusual venues. According to Ivan Allen, organiser of the first National Wedding Show, which began this week at Olympia, west London, conventional weddings are now considered "boring".

Steve Jenkins, spokesman for the Church of England, said he doubted there would be a decline in church wedchurch," he said. "In 1992, the last year on record, half of all place with a religious ceremony. I doubt that will change

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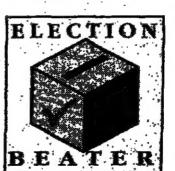
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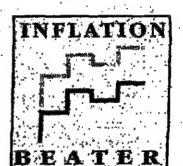


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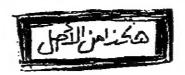
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Milder weather than Russia attracts migrants; shooting ban saves natives

Big freeze is a ray of sunshine for thousands of birds

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

proving a lifesaver to birds: one species is seeking refuge in this country from even colder weather in its normal migration grounds, and others have been given a stay of execution from wildfowlers guns because the cold is threatening their survival.

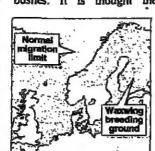
Arctic weather conditions in northern Scandinavia and Siberia that make even snowstruck Britain seem benign have led to the biggest winter invasion of bright-hued waxwings for 30 years, bird watch-

chris Mead, of the British
Trust for Ornithology, said:
"We always see a few waxwings each year, and some hundreds every three or four years, but this winter we reckon there are at least 10.000 in flocks of up to 100. The last time so many came here was

The birds began arriving around Christmas, landing

THE abnormal weather is first in Scotland and then moving to the north and east of England. They have also been sighted in Wales. Ireland, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Gloucestershire.

Waxwings (Bombycilla garrulus) breed in the open glades of the pine forests of northern continental Europe and Russia and move south and west in the winter in search of food. They like berries, especially those of rowan trees and hawthorn

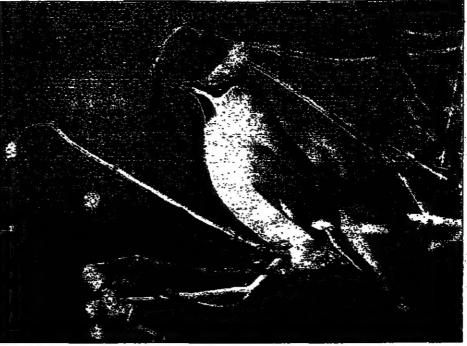


waxwings could have been driven to forage further afield because of extra competition for these delicacies from other

They are about the size of a starling with a crest, a pinkish breast and a yellow band across the end of the tail", Mr Mead said. The wing feathers are tipped with red and

"In their homeland they have little to fear from human beings and are usually extremely tame and trusting." The harsh weather means

wild duck and geese will also have less cause to fear humans, at least temporarily. Shooting has been banned in England and Wales because of the threat to the birds' survival from the abnormally cold weather. The ban takes effect at 9am today for 14 days. Although the ban will be reviewed after a week, when it



The waxwing, which is seeking refuge here in numbers unseen for 30 years

the shooting of such birds as canada and brent geese, wid-geon, pintail, teal, mallard

Association for Shooting and Conservation, said: "Inland shooting ended on January 31; but thousands of our members will lose the last week and a bit of shooting in coastal regions. There is some dismay that the Environment Department has

0% finance on Escorts,

chosen to impose a national ban, despite regional differences in the severity of the

Countryside Act, a ban takes effect within two days after 13 days of frost have bee recorded by more than half of 23 meteorological stations.

David Stroud, senior ornithologist at the joint nature conservation committee, which advises the Government, said: 'The case for

regional bans has always been rejected because they would encourage disproportionate shooting pressure on birds that have taken refuge in warmer areas. The birds have low reserves of body fat anyway at this time of year and hence little to draw on if frozen. lakes and gravel pits prevent them from feeding."

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Credo

Don't worry. about hell, just try to be good

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain

concerned that moral anarchy might break out. now that the Church of England says hell no longer exists as a physical place of everlasting torment, can take comfort from the Jewish experience of never having that spectre in the

world to come, which the soul will inhabit after the death of the body, but its exact nature lies undefined.

The Bible itself provides no dear picture. The references to the horrors of Gehin the New Testament) were not

warnings of a netherworld, but a description of south of Jerusaused by pagen cults for child sacrifice and which later became the city

with perpetual fires trying to clear the stinking refuse. The spirit of Samuel was appears to have been conidered the resting place of all souls, both good and bad alike. It is not until the very end of the Hebrew Bible, (Daniel xii, 2) that distinction between those enjoying everlasting life and those experiencing

beliefs and practices of Judaism in the fifth century, it was inconceivable that a God of love could condemn miscreants to perpetnal darkness. To coun-terbalance Daniel, they quoted David: "I was brought low and He saved me" (Psalm 116, 6) and never turn his back on anyone forever. If the wick-

a maximum of 12 months. son for this decision. The rabbis wished to place the theological empha ly on this world and concentrate on immediate behaviour rather than ever-

lasting salvation. Hell was relegated to an occasional preaching de-vice. Hence the story of the

rabbi who wished to see hell and was taken to room full of people wailing. They were sitting around a pot of soup, but were starving because their spoons were so long that they could not

The rabbi was then shown heaven. It was exactly the same scene, people with long spoons around a pot of soup. Here, however, everyone was well-fed and happy - because they used the spoons to feed each

This earth-bound concept of the bomiletical hell was developed by later sermons

that individuals create their own bliss or bitterness through their deeds and relationships. This also suggests that those in the depths of despair can change their condition . through determined

out the hope that earthy heaven is around the corner The absence of a real and permanent hell did not mean that the rabbis lacked sanctions. A wrong-docr could be threatened with the herem - "social excommunication" - in which he

ish community and banned from the synagogue.

In a pre-modern society in which individuals were identified by the group to which they belonged, such isolation could have a devstating effect and proved

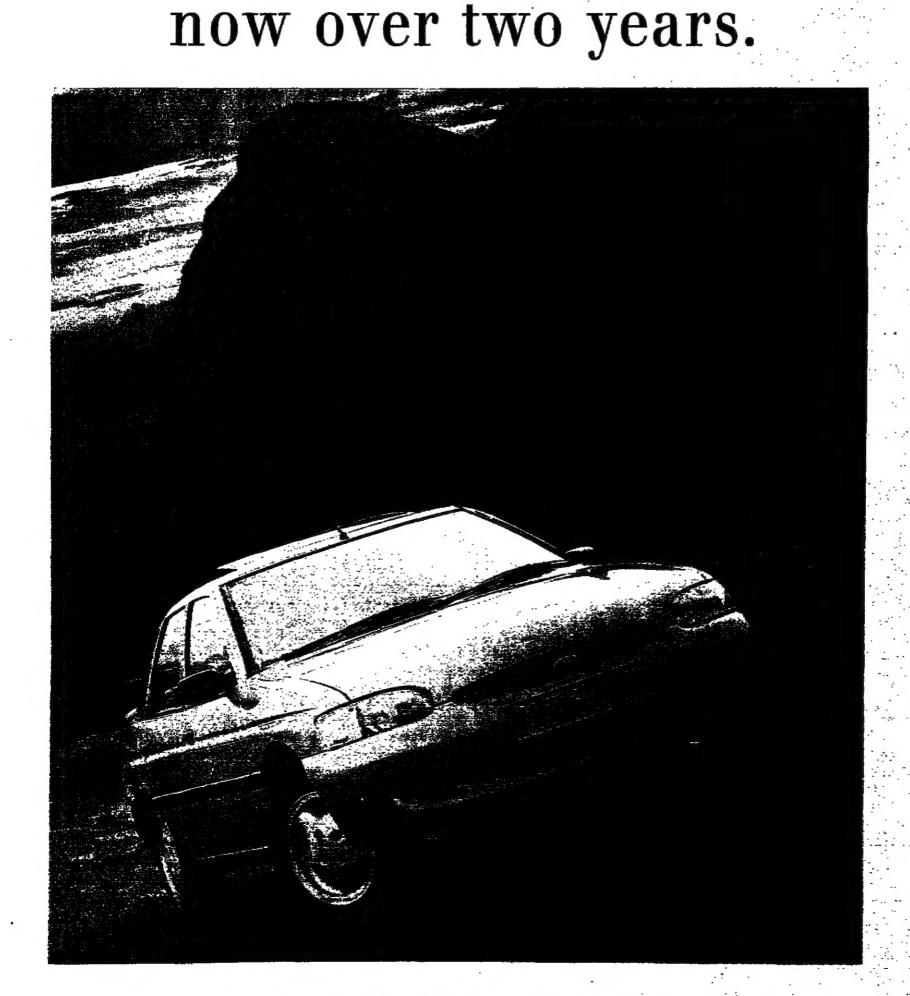
was ostracised by the Jew-

The institution of the herem has disappeared today, and rabbis now rely on preaching another variation of a personalised heav-en and hell that which comes with age when reess one has.

> ing behind a legacy of love. □ Rabbi Dr Jonathan

> Romain is minister of Maidenhead Synagogue.

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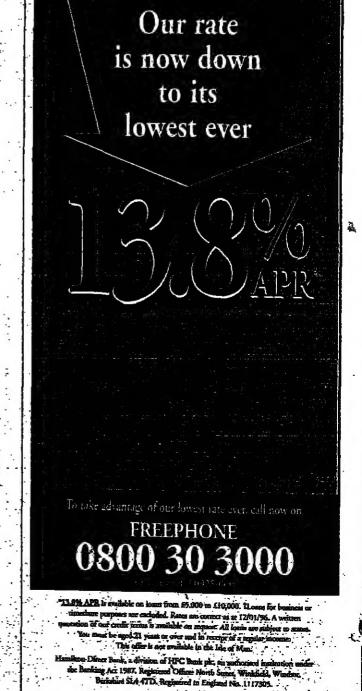


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rail crash

kills three

Rescue efforts were complicated by the difficult location. Although less then five miles from New York City, it is in a marshland and the only access is by dirt road. (AP)

Spain's spies can listen in on calls

Madrid: A judge has ruled that the Spanish secret service. Cesid, has the right to listen to mobile telephone conversations (Edward Owen writes). Last year two ministers and the head of Cesid resigned in a scandal over calls taped by agents, including some involving King Juan Carlos.

Swans perish in icy Baltic

Tallinn: Thousands of Estonia swans are in danger of dying as one of the harshest winters has frozen the shallow waters of the Baltic sea where they feed. Hundreds have starved to death. The remaining 5,000 predict, the waters are locked in ice for weeks. (AP)

Father of the spacesuit dies

New York: Russell Colley. dubbed the father of the spacesuit, has died at 97 in Ohio. He had wanted to design clothing but was sent by his teacher to engineering classes because he was a boy. His first spacesuits were worn by astronauts in the Mercury flights of the 1960s. (AFP)

Hare brained

mower, a 20ft-long cylindrical cage made of bicycle wheels and wire netting powered by two trained rabbits, who roll it along as they nibble grass. fertilising as they go. (Reuter)



WITH President Mandela's Government approaching its second anniversary in office; the euphoria of transition has given way to a feeling that it is time for him to deliver on

election promises. Mr Mandela yesterday inaugurated the new session of parliament, in which ministers are planning to present more than 230 Bills covering every aspect of the nation's life. It is far from clear, however, that they will dispel the misgivings.

Black voters want more jobs, more houses, better schools and better healthcare. Results on all these fronts are poor. The economy is growing at 3.5 per cent, but the number of jobs is static at best, thanks to lay-offs on the gold mines and in the civil services of the former homelands.

A recent poll shows that while Mr Mandela has a 77. per cent approval rating, only, 58 per cent are satisfied with the Government, 53 per cent with parliament, and 41 per cent with the way democracy

The Government's housing programme has been a disaster. H.F. Verwoerd remains the only South African leader to build a million houses for blacks, while the

Yodchart "I deserve

to die for my sins"

African National Congress-led Government looks likely to build less than 25,000 in its

first two years.

The Health Ministry has also achieved little, and has seen an increased emigration rate among skilled white doctors, producing a large short-fall to be met by importing Cuban doctors. -

The ministry has just given away a fifth of its Aids publicity budget to finance a play by one of the ANC's avourite playwrights. Meanwhile, in rural KwaZulu more than 22 per cent of the population is now HIV positive, and hospitals are being over-whelmed. The rest of the country is moving towards similar infection levels.

It is, however, education that looks like providing the key political battleground of the session. The Government has just announced that it will take over without compensation all the previously white state schools into which white parents have put a good deal private money. There is likely to be a further exodus towards private schools. White parents' fears are hardly assuaged by the fact many ANC leaders have placed their children in such schools. In land reform too, the ANC's



radicalism is beginning to bite. Legislation to redistribute white-owned land by forcing farmers to sell plots to labour tenants has been pushed through parliament against

strong farming opposition.

These struggles are taking place in the context of the debate over the new constitution, which is to be finalised in this session. The ANC needs a two-thirds majority in the assembly, but could hold a referendum which might pass the plans by a simple majority_ Once the constitution is passed, the ANC will no longer need its coalition partners, Inkatha and the Nat-

ional Party, as much as now Only 7 per cent of ANC MPs want to continue with the Government of National Unity once that stage is reached, and are looking forward eagerly to a single party

Polls show, however, that a majority of voters prefer the current form of government, for it is strongly identified with the mood of reconciliation and goodwill, which is Mr Mandela's overwhelming achievement to date.

Whether this mood will survive the battles ahead is the main question looming over

Sporting model set for nation

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africans were asked by President Mandela yester-day to unite behind a "new patriotism" and join hands in creating his vision of a prosperous "winning nation"

Opening of the third demo-cratic parliamentary session, which will see through the new constitution. Mr Mandela called on his countrymen to follow the lead of victorious national

sports teams in uniting the nation. He said to loud applause. "All of us must take the national project of accelerated and fundamental transformation very seriously indeed. The achievement of equity, non-racialism and non-sexism constitutes the very essence of the new

Mr Mandela reflected on the achievements over 22 months since democratic elections - including water and electrification projects, free

health care and education but said there was a long road ahead. The former ruling National Party praised the speech as well balanced, but the right-wing Freedom Front said that his call for new patriotism was ill-timed. Last night the former ruling

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Thai monk begs parents' forgiveness

FROM JONATHAN MILLER IN BANGKOK

THE Thai monk sentenced to death for the murder of the British backpacker, Johanne Masheder, appealed again yesterday to her parents to forgive him.

From his prison cell, Yodchart Suaphoo, 23, a drug addict, said: "I beg you to forgive me for my terrible crime." The former monk was manaded hand and foot in his cell, which he shares with five other immates on death row in Bangkok's Bangkhwang Prison.

of the jail by the Interior Ministry. Yodchart acknowledged that murdering Masheder had brought shame on Thai- The amnesty is expected to benefit as land and Buddhism. I deeply regret many as 26,000 immates, a third of the what I did. I deserve to die for my sins." It's more than likely that he will. Two

weeks ago. Thailand resumed executing priseners after a nine-year histus. Unlike other immates in his cell block, Yodchart will probably not benefit from a royal

amilesis to coincide with the golden jubilee of King Adulyade 's reign on June Q.
Their hate him, said Wiwit Jahr-parisin, the Deputy Director General of the Corrections Department. He hart our country. We are ashamed." Few Thais art, who killed Masheder for £15 in her money-belt and threw her body into a cave, should be shown mercy.

prison population. Those who will also benefit are the 3,769 foreign inmates. among whom are 72 Britons.

Sandra Gregory, of Yorkshire, who pleaded guilty to heroin trafficking three years ago, is due to be sentenced at the end of the month and may qualify for a reduced sentence. Robert Locke, arrested with her, but pleaded not guilty, may not

be so lucky.

One Briton on death row is Allan Davies, 54, from Poole, Dorset. Yesterday, from his dimly lit cell he was still sentence for heroin trafficking.

Peking gives warning to Taipei on Olympics

Hong Kong: China has threatened a strong response if Taiwan officials attend the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

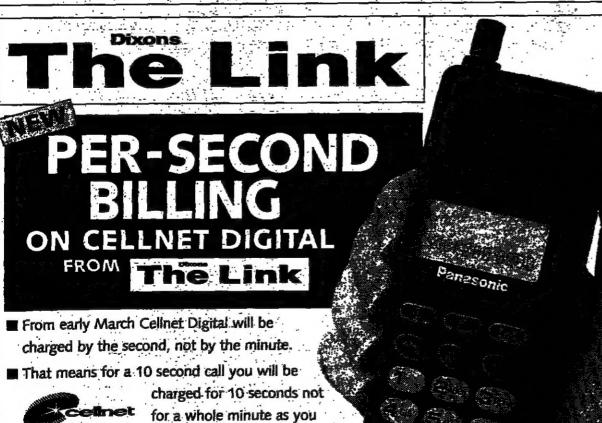
Wu Shaozhu, the Sports Minister who also heads the Chinese Olympic Committee, said yesterday that while China does not object to athletes from Taiwan competing in the Atlanta games, "we are against senior Taiwan officials

the Atlanta games, China will make a strong response."
Phil Coles, of the International Olympic Committee, said: "I'm against this sort of action." All heads of states

competing in the games attend the gathering, he added. Peking's warning comes amid Chinese military pressure on Taiwan, where the first presidential elections will political purposes. If the be held next month.

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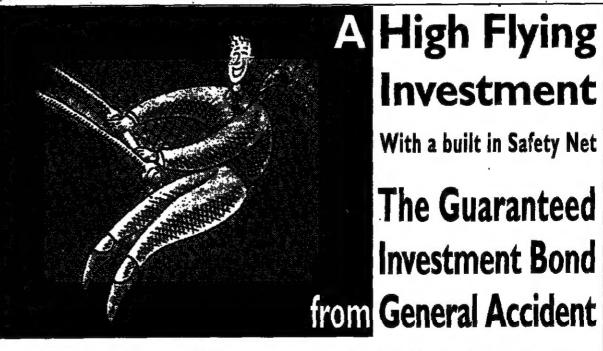
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Buchanan's conservatism has struck a chord in rural backwater made famous by Hollywood

Right builds bridges in Madison County

FROM TOM RHODES IN MADISON COUNTY, IOWA

THE yellow comfields are bare and the rust-coloured Roseman Bridge is coated with snow, but even in winter Madison County holds a certain lustre for the incurably

They come in their droves. dreamers obsessed by the simple tale of Francesca Johnson and Robert Kincaid, a brief encounter which has brought fame and fortune to otherwise neglected

Since Robert James Waller first published the Bridges of Madison County in 1992 and the release of its Hollywood offshoot last year starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep, the timber-covered constructions and the hamlet of Winterset have become meccas to the cult of passion.

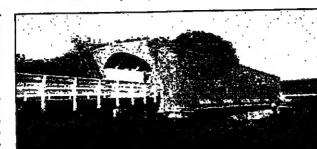
Today three love letters are pinned to the trelliswork of the Roseman Bridge, suggestive notes in English, French and Japanese hoping to emulate the famous invitation to dinner which led to that fictional affair between an lowan farmer's wife and a National Geographic photographer.

In April, Paul and Bridget Keerney, a separated couple from Essex, will stand on the bridge to renew their wedding vows before a local Justice of the Peace, part of a growing number of visitors who have fallen under the romantic spell

The amractions are perhaps

obvious. Apart from its importance in the election of the next President, a process which reaches its climax in the traditional voting caucuses on Monday, Iowa offers rolling rural farmland, pure air, clean water, the highest literacy levels in the country and, above all, the American experience free of crime and racial divide. More than % per cent of the population is white.

But the glare of Hollywood has muddled the tranquil



Roseman Bridge, a lure for incurable romantics

and highlighted the most burning divide between the moderate and right wings of the Republican Party as it faces the first real test of the 1996 presidential campaign.

Before the emergence of Mr Waller, an unknown professor from the University of North-ern Iowa, Winterset had pridservative cinematic image as the birthplace of Marion Robert Morrison, the American legend of True Grit himself, John Wayne.

The small white cottage on South Second Street had always served as a hideaway from the problems confront-ing the United States in the 1990s. Bedecked with American flags and film memorabilia, the Wayne house testified to a physically safe, demographically white and morally certain nation. A close friend of former President Reagan, Wayne had achieved a rare



Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep in Bridges of Madison County. Their fictional romance has inflamed passions

ers and remains the dominant teenage icon for both Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and President Clinton.

The "Duke" still hovers over the town like the ghost of a

stature among political lead-signs, more than 200 films are ence as Madison County's available for free viewing at the public library and a child who lives on John Wayne Drive achieves certain status among his or her peers.

More religious members of the community, however, believe his posthumous influmoral memor is under threat from the more popular and less conservative doctrine espoused in the antics of Kincaid

mary in ten days' time. While no Republican has been tempted by the free publicity of a visit to Madison County. each has been cager to court the dominance of the religious of Right. Already there is a sense Marcia Gibson, a farmer's that the evangelical vote may wife and secretary of the Word of Life Christian Centre, is one of many who have discarded the Bridges of Madison Coun-

even raise an eyebrow when it comes to infidelity. Do you think if my husband, Bill, left for the weekend, I would invite a complete stranger to my house for dinner? she demanded. This is meant to be a beautiful love story but it is frontrunner, and Steve nothing more than a tale of Forbes, the millionaire publisher. adultery. I don't remember. seeing anything like that in a John Wayne movie. He represented morality. He was a

Increasingly, it is views such as these which are resonating among the electorate in lowa as prospective candidates do battle for the top three places and the momentum to carry them through to the

be consolidating behind Pat Buchanan, the radical conservarive commentator. Mr Buchanan was considcred an outsider in Iowa. But he is rising steadily in the polls on a message of moral recti-tude, anti-abortion and support for the little man. Surveys yesterday placed the commen-tator third behind an embattled Senator Robert Dole, the

There was growing confidence in the Buchanan camp yesterday and among such staunch supporters as Bill and Marcia Gibson. He represents the right to life and the sort of family values we had 50 years ago, said Mr Gibson. Par Buchanan reflects beliefs that John Wayne stood for That's good exough for me."



A detail from The Girl with the Pearl, part of the

Freeze fails to chill ardour for Vermeer

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS CEZANNE fever hits exhibition was a huge hit

hibition of 21 of the 17th century Dutch master's 35 known works moves to a queue of hundreds encircled the building in freezing tem-peratures in a last attempt to see the display. At the front of the queue was Kevin Sudeith. a 30-year-old artist from New York, who had arrived on an overnight bus at 4.30am for

the loam opening.

Behind him were two drama students from North Carolina who had finished rehearsals at Ilpm, driven 500 miles overnight and were going to have to head straight back after just two hours viewing Vermeer's work.

Allen Goldberg, a Washington estate agent, had been paid \$100 (£65) by his employ-ers to queue for four hours for tickets. A middle aged New Yorker, her teeth chattering in the cold, said she had lied to her boss to get the day off.

Not since a private collection of Vermeer's works was sold in Amsterdam in 1696 have so many been brought

from the moment it opened on November 12, but achieved cult status thanks to two government shutdowns caused by budget disputes.

The media seized on the iosure to illustrate the impact of the row, with politicians interviewed outside the gallery's locked doors. "We became the poster child of the shutdowns," said Deborahi Ziska, the gallery's spokes-man. When the exhibition reopened using private funds. it became a symbol of art's

triumph over politics.
Sixteen of the exhibition's 90 days were lost, plus another four due to blizzards. The gallery responded by extending opening hours and is pushing more than 400 people an hour through the

seven small rooms. People who have worked here for decades have never experienced this kind of pressure, said Ms Ziska, who says she receives desperate calls from people claiming to have terminal illnesses or frail

parents in cars outside. By the time the exhibition closes tomorrow more than 300,000 people from all 50 states and across the world will have seen it.



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Blessing of 'Satanic' jail and cost of tour questioned

Visit by the Pope draws criticism in Venezuela

IN WHAT is turning into the most controversial stop on the Pope's four-country Latin American tour, Venezuelans are asking why the pontiff is to bless one of the most infernal:

jails in the region. "That place is a hell on earth," said Miguel Longa 35, passing outside the Caria jail where the Pope was due to make a brief stop yesterday. The malia in there only know Satan's rules."

The Pope's visit to Venezuela has aroused mixed reactions in this country of 22 million people, where an estimated 55 per cent are practis-ing Catholics. Many, including some priests, have ques-tioned the cost and timing of the visit. They see it as an extravagant attempt by the Government to distract public attention from an economic

The Pope is due to deliver his blessing from a highway

200 yards away. He will do so without leaving his bullet-proof Popemobile.

The right security precau-tions are well understood by Venezuelans familiar with the jail's record of violence, drug abuse and squalor. Built in 1966 to house 700 men, Catia now holds 3,200 inmates. Last year, about 100 murders were reported within its walls.

This week, a search of the prison turned up two pistols and 485 knives. It was con-ducted after a prisoner was stabbed to death during visiting hours last weekend. He was attacked by three inmates while talking to his mother. On Wednesday, four inmates were killed inside the jail in separate incidents.

Critics accuse the Government of hypocrisy, saying the Pope's three-day tour has been turned into a commercial circus while attempting to cover up Caracas's urban misery

visit is missing," said Antonio Cova, a local commentator. Organisers defend the prep-Pope is visiting Venezuela on a pastoral mission, bearing a

message of social justice. But on peering around the side of the jail, it is clear that the walls hidden from the Pope's view have not received a lick of paint in years.

At the prison's south en-trance, José Rojas, 3t, a police inspector, was overseeing the transfer of 300 of the jail's most dangerous inmates prior to the Pope's arrival. He was wearing a bullet-proof jacket, and pulled out a steel plate from his vest dented by the impact of a bullet fired from a jail window the week before. "I was standing right here," he said, gazing up at the wall, pock-marked after guards re-

turned fire. Venezuela's prisons have long drawn criticism from human rights international

condemned their extreme overcrowding, inadequate diet and physical abuse by guards. Corruption inside Catia is rampant, according to a for-

mer inmate, Edicto Ortega, 50, who spent 23 years in jails across the country. "It's a factory that creates an army of animals," he said. He recalled several occasions when he killed other inmates to protect his own life. "I have seen inmates take a machete and cut off someone's head and put it in a plastic bag and throw it out of the window," he said. Local human rights advocates blame the corrupt and

trial, the Justice Ministry said. The prison problems are only a symptom of the rising crime rate. Last month police reported 189 killings in Caracas, mainly in the slums on the outskirts of the city.

inefficient judicial system. Two-thirds of the country's

25,000 prisoners are awaiting

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One of 250,000 worshippers who attended a papal Mass during the tour

Sacked man shoots dead five Florida workmates

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN PORT LAUDERDALE

A DISMISSED city employee who threatened to return to his workplace and "do things opened fire on former co-workers yesterday, killing five and wounding a sixth before killing himself, police said.

The former employee returned to an office trailer where city workers gather before dawn to prepare for the day's shifts and receive their work assignments in the Fort Lauderdale beach area. At least one person escaped and called the police.

Officers found the bodies, all shot through the head, inside the trailer, which is set back from the palm-fringed Intracoastal Waterway. The man had been dismissed months ago, an employee who just missed the shooting told a television station. They had a drug test and he was fired because he tested positive. He made threats to come back and do things." said the worker, identified only as Doug. There was no police confirmation of those details

Two men were taken to Broward General Hospital. One died there, and the other underwent emergency surgery, a nursing supervisor said.

The scene of the shooting is beneath a bridge on a narrow island between the Waterway and Fort Lauderdale Beach. It is an area frequented by luxury yachts at this time of year, and boasts swimming and marine attractions for winter visitors.

Notes reveal panic by Clinton aides over Whitewater

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WHITE House officials may have improperly tried to influence statements by a potential Whitewater witness, according to intriguing new docu-ments. The White House denied the charge,

The notes, seized upon by Senate Republicans, certainly convey increasing panic about awkward questions among the Clintons' inner circle shortly before a Whitewater special prosecutor was ap-pointed two years ago. The and written notes were made by Mark Gearan, then White

Mr lekes was worried about what Beverly Bassett Schaffer would say. She was the former securities commissioner for Arkansas who, four months after her appointment by Bill Clinton, then state Governor. approved an unusual stock offering submitted by Mrs. Clinton a lawyer for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, to keep the financial institu-tion afloat Madison, owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partner, subsequently collapsed at a cost to taxpayers of \$60 million (£39 million).

Mrs Schaffer has consistently denied that she had been under pressure to ap-prove Mrs Clinton's idea because she owed her job to Mr Clinton. But Mr Ickes

Champion

Kasparov

takes on

computer FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A CHESS computer that can consider 50 billion positions in three minutes will take on the world chess champion. Garry Kasparov, today in the first multi-game regulation match between machine and

The IBM computer, Deep Blue, is the fastest chess-

playing machine made, but

experts expect Mr Kasparov to win. The champion has sometimes been compared to a computer, such is his ability to plan moves.

The six-game, eight-day match in Philadelphia carries

a purse of \$500,000 (£326,000),

of which \$400,000 will go to

the winner. Should victory be

Deep Blue's, it is not clear if

the mainframe computer.

the money will go to IBM or. to the boffins who developed

The event will be Deep

wanted to ensure she would continue to support the Clintons' account that they had not sought special treatment. He proposed dispatching insiders to review her account "item by

He reportedly said: "Beverly Bassett is so "" important, if we this up, we're done. Let's not talk it to death, let's just get it done."
Yesterday Mrs Schaffer said

she resisted efforts by three men with close ties to the Clinton Administration to perstatements supporting the President and First Lady. She don't want to be drawn into the political response.

This is the second time that documents previously dehave belatedly turned up, only to raise new questions. Sena-tor Alfonse D'Amato, the committee's chairman, said the notes confirmed a continuing White House pattern of directing witnesses about their recollections in the hope of avoiding problems.

Mr D'Amato said he needed

more time to call new witnesses, including Mr Ickes and Mr Gearan, and will ask the Senate to extend his commitnee's life beyond the end of February. This will ensure that. Whitewater disclosures can continue deep into the

Kasparov: "a defence of the whole human race"

conditions. When preparing for the encounter, Mr

Kasparov asked to see examples of the computer's previous games, only to be told, to his anger, that it had played none. The lack of a pattern of

combat will make it harder for the champion to predict how Deep Blue will play.

Champions have played machines before, but normal-

ly in speed or one off games.

Mr Kasparov does not have a

100 per cent record against

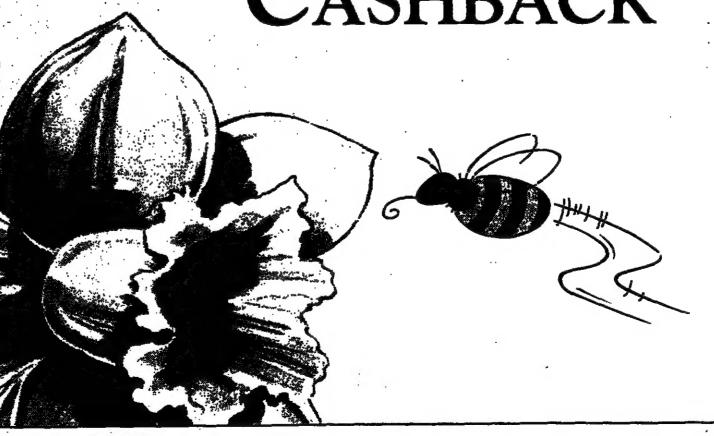
computers, but in 1989 he

played Deep Blue's predeces-

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sor. Deep Thought, and gave it a thrashing. The champion has admitted that computers can be tricky to play because one cannot intimidate them. "Psychological pressure doesn't work," he said. The customtherefore be absent from the Philadelphia Convention Centre, where the match begins this afternoon. Mr Kasparov said: "This is a defence of the whole human race. Computers play such a huge role in society, but they must not cross into the area of

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Bonn cracks down on black-market **British labourers**

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German parliament yesterday gave the go-ahead to a law aimed at ending the kind of black-market building site work that inspired the television series Auf Wiedersehen

The move will hit British labourers, who have often been hired by Dutch agencies and then subcontracted to German building companies. According to German estimates, more than 40 per cent of some 80,000 Britons working on German sites have been drawing social security at home while earning about £10 an hour in Germany.

The new law which will come into force on March I and which will be valid until 1999, orders that European Union builders, handymen and dockers must be paid the German minimum wage as well as social security benefits. That will make them less attractive to German building companies: the German minimum wage is between Ell and £13 an hour. British workers were competitive, partly because they were as skilled as the Germans, and partly because the contractor did not have to pay the hefty social

security and insurance benefits. Taking into account social security, a German building worker cost his employer about £30 an hour. A British worker, even after the contractor pays off the Dutch agency. costs at most £20 an hour. The new law is supposed to

he enforced by the labour-exchanges and the Customs service. Spot checks are already being made on building sites by German police. Employers breaking the law will be fined up to £45,000 and could be banned from bidding for public-sector contracts. This has been a political cause of both the Government and the opposition Social Democrats, who believe that it will help to persuade German contractors to employ more Germans, Some 90,000 German building workers are expected to lose their jobs this year and the whole construction sector has been flagging

But the more important story is told in the bankruptcy courts. More than 5,000 German building companies collapsed last year and more than 6.000 are expected to go in 1996. Under these circum-

stances many builders are willing to bend or break the law to stay competitive. The most basic work on sites even those close to the German parliament which yestercarried out by Russians, Ukrainians and Bulgarians working for little more than £2 an hour. completed by EU citizens

the British, Irish and Spanish for higher rates. It is assumed that many British workers will find a way around the new law. ☐ Beef confiscated: A hundred kilos (230lb) of British beef has been confiscated in a

swoop by health inspectors in North Rhine-Westphalia. The state, along with Rhineland Palatinate and Bavaria, has imposed a total ban on the import of British beef because of a fear of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the so-called mad cow disease.



'Goddess' jailed for apocalypse chaos in Kiev

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE leaders of a doomsday cult, who caused pandemoni-um when they called out their supporters on the streets of Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, to witness Armageddon, were jailed yesterday.

Bringing to an end the fiveyear saga of the White Brotherhood cult, Marina Krivonogova, a self-styled living oddess", was sentenced to four years for endangering the health of her followers and causing criminal damage Yuri Krivonogov, her former husband and the "chief prophet", and Vitali Kovalchuk, the "archbishop", were jailed for seven and six years respectively. They were ordered to pay £200 for damage caused when they stormed the cathedral of St Sophia, the country's holiest church, where the apocalypse

was to begin. Krivonogova, 36, dressed in her familiar white gown and turban, sat impassively as the sentences were read out, but a dozen die hard cult supporters, the last remaining followers in a movement which once claimed 7,000, wept hysteri-

cally. She is not guilty, why is this happening? said a tearful old woman as the cult leaders were led away, giving a defi-ant final "blessing" to the public gallery. The cult leaders once had a

powerful following across the former Soviet Union where icenageers in particular flocked to their movement. Like similar religious cults in the West, the White Brotherhood forced its members to fast, deprived them of contact with the outside world and convinced them that they would have to sacrifice their lives for the leader.

Krivonogova, a former Communist from the coalmining town of Donersk, predicted the end of the world at noon on November 14, 1993. This caused uproar in Kiev. where parents who had lost children to the movement flocked to find their sons and daughters. The authorities. fearing a mass suicide, scoured the city for the group's leaders, who were arrested in a scuffle with police inside S Sophia's medieval walls.



Valker: "It has a prospect

Serb snub to Nato endangers accord

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Nato commander in Sarajevo issued a warning yesterday that the withdrawal of co-operation by the Bosnian Serbs in protest at the arrest of eight Serbs suspected of war crimes was looking process,

Licutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, who commands the 60,000 troops of the Nato-led Implementation Force, said: "It does have a prospect of turning bad."

His fears were echoed in London in a meeting between John Major and Javier Sulana, the Nato Secretary-General. Foreign Office sources said that both men expressed concern at the impasse with the Serbs.

General Walker said the Serbs were wilfully breaching the Dayton agreement. General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander and himself an indicted war criminal, has stopped contact with Ifor until the Serbs are released. Two senior Serb officers. General Djordje Djukic and Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic, were among those held by Bosnian Gov-

ernment police. Last night Rajko Kasagic, the Serb Prime Minister, said that despite General Mladic's orders banning contact with Ifor, talks could continue with Nato commanders. However, contact with the Muslim-Croat Federation "cannot continue until our officers and detainees are freed".

In Belgrade, Pavel Grachev. the Russian Defence Minister, said General Djukic and Colonel Krsmanovic were involved in peace negotiations. The arrests could render the peace talks more difficult, he said.

Photograph, page 22 | compromise."

Three die in blast at Grozny protest

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL

THREE people were killed yesterday in an explosion at a demonstration in the Chechen capital, Grozny, as President Yeltsin tried to find a solution to the conflict. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the

on Thursday with a mission to draw up a peace plan for Chechenia from a list of seven options. Mr Yeltsin has said that he will outline the plan next week in his home city of Yekaterinburg, where he is expected formally to declare that he is standing for a second term as president.

The explosion occurred at a rally in front of the shell of the presidential palace, the former seat of government of General Dzhokhar Dudayev, killing two civilians and one soldier and wounding seven others. The Chechens called it a "provocation", while the Rus-sian authorities said an explosive device was being carried by demonstrators when it went off,

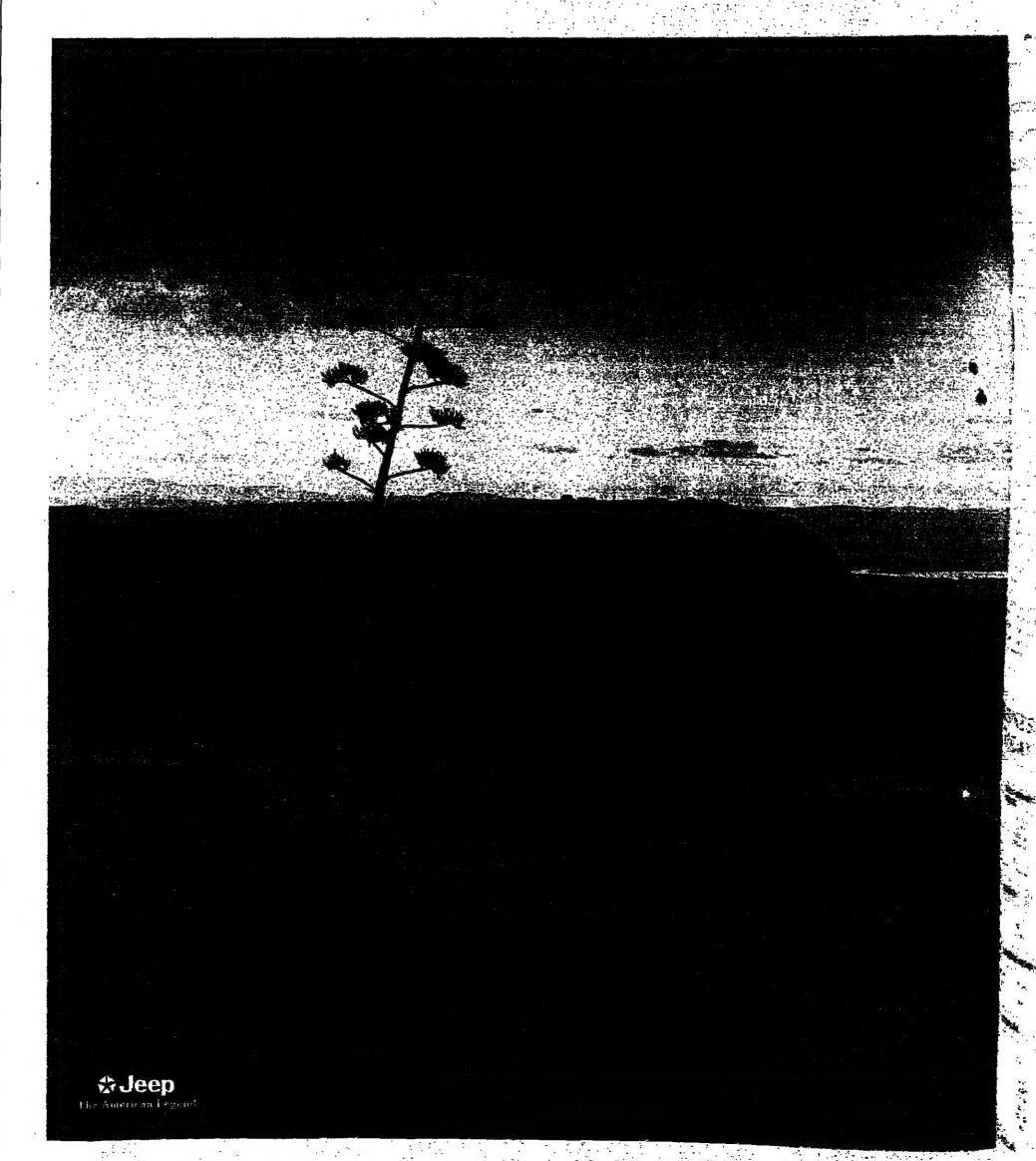
Despite the blast, the rally went on, Up to 2,000 people have been protesting in the square for the past week, calling for a withdrawal of Russian forces and the resig-nation of the Moscow-installed government. They have thrown up barricades and clambered up the ruined palace to hang anti-Russian placards.

Resolving the Chechen conflict is a key electoral issue for Mr Yeltsin because it is the main issue over which he has lost the backing of the intelligentsia and middle classes, who used to be his strongest supporters. Since the bloody hostage crisis in the village of Pervomaiskoye last month many Russian politicians have started calling openly for a military withdrawal from the republic.

Boris Nemtsov, the Governor of Nizhny Novgorod, last week presented the President with a million signatures. calling on him to curtail the war and said that his support for Mr Yeltsin in the elections was conditional on him taking

active steps to end the war. The President has rejected these calls, but he acknowledges that the war has become a vote loser. "If we withdraw troops, carnage will start in Chechenia." he said in the Kremlin on Thursday. "If we do not remove troops, there is no way of me becoming the President ... We should find a

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Neville Davis, chairman and chief executive of Compel, said the computer services company had made a strong start to the second half. In the fix months ended December 31 profits rose to £1.44 million from £1.19 million. Earnings were 6.06p (5.56p). The interim dividend is 1.54p (1.43p)

Eurotunnel considers mediation

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

EUROTUNNEL directors will write to shareholders next week on the progress the company has made in board met yesterday to discuss the statement and

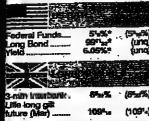
The decision may be largely out of the control of the board since its auditors have given warning that the company is in danger of becoming technically insolvent. Under French law, this is the first stage of pre-insolvency proceed-ings and could put the matter in the hands of the French commercial court.

It would also limit the role of the Bank of England, which has, in the past, acted as mediator in difficult negotiations be-tween a troubled company and its bankers.

Eurotunnei has been attempting to refinance its £8 billion debt since it suspended interest payments in September.

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Gloomy picture for Tarmac and Wimpey

TARMAC and Wimpey, two of Britain's biggest building companies, increased fears of a deepening recession in construction industry gloomy trading state

The warning came as the companies concluded the £600 million asset swap first outlined two months ago.

Wimpey, which is taking on all of Tarmac's housebuilding operations and becomes the UK's largest housebuilder, gave warning that its pre-tak profit for 1995 would be much less than half that achieved in the previous year. It expects the figure to be about £15.5 million against £45.1 million

The company, which is

transferring to Tarmac its

construction and minerals divisions, saw house sales slide in the second half of last year and said that incentive packages, worth up to £4,500 a house, have eroded margins. Tarmac said its housebuilding had suffered from both margin pressure and tougher prices and that it expected operating profits to be significantly lower in spite of a slight increase in sales. The company also revealed that it was making a £30 million provision relating to

the building of a power station for Elm Energy which is the subject of litigation. In spite of last year's experience, Wimpey maintained a building, to which it is now wholly exposed, and said the company had seen a 10 per cent increase in business for the first few weeks of this year. Joe Dwyer, chairman, said: We are beginning to see the

return of the first-time buyer." Mr Dwyer, whose company first time market where it has been a traditional player and the larger house sector in which Tarmac has been predominantly interested, added that incentives were starting to fall. At the level of £4,500 on a.

house, "the average selling

incentives shave one percentage point off margins.

Wimpey said it expected to make cost savings of about £5 interests with the streamlining of service operations.

The company will pay Tarconstruction operation depen-



Joe Dwyer on site yesterday. Picture by Robin Mayes

price of which is £60,000, the dent on the finalisation of which contracts Tarmac will

mac £22 million in goodwill to balance the asset swap and is also paying £54 million as part of the transference of the

take on. The payment is to take the net assets, which are negative in construction operscope for cost saving through

the asset exchange than Wimpey, said that it intends that the inclusion of minerals and construction will not dilute earnings. To achieve that it will have to make savings of about £15 million to £20 million. It said more sweeping savings will be possible within

Neville Simms, chief executive, said: "Over a two-year period we will be more aggressive in cost savings." He said Tarmac expected to draft its restructuring over the next few months, and forecast that there would be several hundred job losses which would fall largely in the construction division.

Tarmac's benefits will devel op more over the long term, with a growing globalisation and consolidation of its minerals division being one of the most significant changes to the company. Mr Simms said that Tarmac would also gain advantages of increased purchasing power from its enlarged

Wimpey is looking for buy-ers for the businesses that it was unable to interest Tarmac in, such as its landfill, property trading, mining, environ-mental and energy operations. In total those interests are valued at about £20 million.

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Canny village investors outperform City slickers

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE village of Whiteparish in Wiltshire has one shop, a combined efforts have won them the accolade of the most church and four pubs, but its successful investment club of aniateur investment club beat the FT-SE 100 index last year the year from ProShare, which promotes share

by a remarkable 32 per cent. ownership.
The pick of their stock included SkyPharma. Its 18 members, of all ages and incomes, made a total Unipalm, Memory Corp, Pelipaper profit of 49.08 per cent can and Stagecoach. Their between March and Decembiggest mistake was BT. John Morris, Whiteparish ber, while the index rose 16.7 per cent

Drawn together through an advertisement in the parish magazine, most are novice investors. They include a violinist at the Royal Opera House, an oil rig worker, a hospital administrator, three housewives, a computer programmer, and a couple of company directors. Only 2000 people live in

the village, seven miles from

Salisbury, but the group's

ogy or health and come up with their own ideas. "Each investor pays £20 monthly into a pooled fund and we employ a stop-loss of between 15 and 30 per cent."

Their £1,500 prize has been

Share Club chairman, de-

scribed the group's invest-

ment strategy as a bit of

common sense, research, and

hick. "Members research sec-

tors like breweries, technol-

spent on Amstrad, Orbis, the security business, Verity, the loudspeaker maker, and Trocadero, the London leisure The award for best new in-

vestment club went to Sirens, a group of professional women who invest ethically. Their investments, which rose 26 per cent, included Celltech, British Biotech and Laura Ashley. They sold Merrydown when it distributed alcoholic lemon-

ade, and their disappointment was Care UK, the nursing homes business. Their prize money was spent on Trocadero and Pilkington Glass.

Investment clubs are popular in the US, the best known being the Beardstown Ladies Investment Club of Illinois.

Britannia unveils

BY KAREN ZAGOR

BRITANNIA Building Society has unveiled details of its cash reward scheme, but members will have to wait to find out

payout plan

how much they will get. Members, including those making mortgage payments of more than E50 a month or with investments above £500, will be alloted points based on the size of their account and the amount of time they have been with the society. A flat 50 points will be allocated to extra Britannia products such as Peps and pensions. The value of the points will be announced at the end of the year. The first payments will

be made in early 1997. The society is also cutting 0.25 percentage points from its variable mortgage rates, starting April I.

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Customers flock to switch gas supplier

MORE than 60,000 families in the South West have signed up to ditch British Gas and buy fuel from rival suppliers when a pilot project for opening up the household gas market begins later this year.

With more than three months to go before the pilot scheme. British Gas is set to lose at least 12 per cent of its customers in the region. The pace of market share loss bodes III for British Gas Energy, the supply business that is to be floated off by its parent in 1997.

Cast adrift by its pan which will earn most of its revenues through fees from gas carried on its £18 billion pipeline system, BGE will be left to fight a rearguard action against aggressive competition from rivals with access to

cheaper gas supplies.
Only 500,000 families in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset will be allowed a choice of supplier in the pilot scheme. But from April 1997 competition will be extended to a forther 15 million household ers in southern England. Under the Gas Act passed last is required by January 1, 1999.

Customers in the South West are being attracted by substantial discounts. Sweb Gas, owned by Sweb, the electricity company, claims 32,000 customers have signed up to buy its gas at a price 23 per cent below the British Gas rate. That should offer savings of £80 a year on the average bousehold bill of £350.

Amerada Hess and Total Gas are understood to have signed up a further 28,000 also competing for the custom of families in the region. ☐ British Gas is to sell its property support business, British Gas Properties Facilitles Management, to Chesterton International, the property management com-pany, for £7.5 million.

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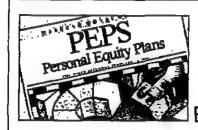
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Privatisation and the Law of Unintended Consequences

Unintended Consequences. Your tropical paradise is perfect in all but one respect. There are too many

damned mosquitoes. You introduce a small freshwater fish to eat the larvae, but that fish also takes a fancy to the snails that are the only thing keeping your waterways clear.

A large species of tropical frog makes short work of the imported fish, so saving the snails, but it also snaps up the tadpoles of the native frogs. These, in their grown form, are the only natural check to the mosquitoes.

By the same process, privatisation, and various hairpin turns of policy required over the past decade, have made an ecological wasteland of at least two important industrial sectors, all through the Law of Unintended Consequences. I think we may now be heading down the tracks for a third.

Consider power generation. In

taken to create a duopoly in England and Wales because the companies had to be big enough to include and support unprofitable nuclear stations.

Duopolies do not encourage competition. Better from the start would have been to create four or five different companies that cut each other's throats in proper capitalist fashion.

When the now-defunct Energy Department lost its nerve and decided the City would not buy the nukes, it was too late to adapt that duopoly structure. Within a couple of years, it became clear that the two players were using their market clout to the full.

Prices jumped on odd days to extraordinary and unexplained highs. But the Government was already introducing some new predators into the system, in the form of independent generators that burnt gas. Unfortunately, these plants were cheaper to run than much of the two generators' older plant, which could there-

system, or even closed. The Law of Unintended Consequences decreed that when that plant was finally needed, during last month's cold snap, the country nearly ran out of power.

Consider British Gas. Last week showed the Law operating at its most devilish. Gas was privatised a decade ago as the ultimate monolithic corporation, just as the intellectual tide was turning against such monopolies. The structure, again, was already wrong from the start.

The next few years saw that monopoly being unpicked, at first slowly, and then quite suddenly with the 1994 decision to open up the entire domestic market. But the company had already contracted in its heyday to take pretty well all the gas the North Sea could supply, which at that time was precisely what it

The Unintended Consequence we are heading for is not a free gas market where happy shoppers take their pick from a



MARTIN WALLER

variety of suppliers, but a waste-land where the dominant force has to split into two to limit potential liabilities - let's be blunt, to evade the creditors.

Now consider the railways. If you or I were asked to flog off a state rail system, and I person-ally don't do that sort of thing for a living, we might propose two is responsible for the track, the

signal brozes and the stations. The different routes and the trains can be parcelled up among any number of operators. They do not actually compete with each other any more than the 2.15. to Penzance competes with the 1.30 to Edinburgh.

But the track company receives revenues from the operators. If the track is not available for use, its revenues fall. If the trains do not run but the track is open, the operators lose fares but have to pay for the use of the track anyway.

A half-way decent regulator rides shotgun over the whole setup — ideally a tough business-man like John Bridgeman who is making such waves at the Office of Fair Trading, rather than

some ivory-tower academic.

But the rail industry is not being sold in two layers, but at least three. The track owner, Railtrack, exists: the train operators are coming gradually on board, disas-ters like last week's alleged fraud on the Misery Line allowing. But

the third force is a troika of utilities that own the rolling stock and rent it to the operators. It is rather as if one firm owned the power plant and another went in each day to run it.

The system was designed this way because - well, no one can quite remember why, but it probably had something to do with allowing enough operators into the market who did not need to have huge amounts of capital

tied up in rolling stock.

The problem is that on current evidence, there are not going to be hundreds of train fanatics each running their own few miles of track. There may be a dozen or more companies. The pattern of the bus market, increasingly dominated by a few names, suggests further consolidation a few years down the line - even unto a Big Four like that which domi-

nated the system in 1945. The Law of Unintended Consequences comes in because the existence of just three utilities owning and leasing the trains investment in new stock. The rate you can get for that stock is subject, like anything else, to the

laws of supply and demand.
Order and build more stock. and that rate falls, while you have to pay the interest on the cash raised to pay for the trains. It remains to be seen if three companies constitute a sufficiently open market and whether they will compete, rushing new product on to the market to replace their rivals trains. The experience of the generators

rather suggests not. Investment on the track itself may be held back by the different vested interests of the operators that use it. Fastoo wants a super new line on which to run its 120mph intercity stock, but Slowco, whose clapped-out kit trundles from one rural whistlestop to another down the shared track, cannot even begin to afford it on the government subsidies that are its main source of income.

So who pays for any of it?

Pearson to seek extra deals after \$580m buy

the States," he said.

cation markets.

York, whose titles are aimed at

the university and higher edu-

The two divisions had turn-

over of \$316 million and operating profits of £51 million

in the year to June 30. The

purchase price represents a multiple of 11.3 times operat-

ing profits and will push

Pearson's debt-to-equity ratio

from 5 per cent to 22 per cent.

Some analysts think the additional debt will make

Pearson less vulnerable to a

takeover. Speculation that a

bid, likely from an American

media company, will emerge has been pushing up the

Mr Barlow, however, said

the debt-to-equity ratio was

still low enough that "it

wouldn't make much differ-

ence" in deterring a hostile

bid. He said no potential

bidder had been in contact

with him. "I can't say the

shares in recent weeks.

PEARSON, the publishing and television group, yester-day purchased HarperCollins Educational Publishing from The News Corporation for \$580 million and said it would seek additional acquisitions in the educational publishing

Pearson will combine the company with the American operations of Addison Wesley Longman, its educational publishing subsidiary. After the merger. Fearson will rank third in college textbooks in the US and fourth in school-

News Corp. parent com-pany of The Times, put HarperCollins Educational on the market in the autumn so it could concentrate on the broader consumer markets. It is retaining the larger divisions of HarperCollins. including HarperPaperbacks.

Another departure at Laporte

Laporte, the chemicals company, saw another departure from its top ranks as David Wilbraham, chief operating officer, resigned to join Hickson, a rival company, as chief executive. Bill Hoskins, Laporte's finance director. left last month, just after Ken Minton, chairman. Dr Wilbraham, 57, was

due to retire later this year. The company said it expected to announce a full complement of executive officers by the middle of the year. Laporte's shares ended 2p down yesterday at 632p.

Regal deal

Regal Hotels Group agreed vesterday to give Granada another two weeks to decide whether to sell the White Hart hotels. Regal agreed to buy 67 of the hotels from Forte on January 22, the day before Forte's purchase by Gra-nada for £3.8 billion. Granada would give no indication which way it was leaning.

Power pact

Singapore Power and Natjonal Power have signed an agreement to bid jointly for power projects in the Asia-Pacific region.



Russell Black, chief executive, left, with Jim Painter, a director, of Nightfreight, the parcels group, where pre-tax profits were £4.62 million (£4.51 million) in the year to November 30. The total dividend is held at 3.38p a share, with an unchanged 2.25p final.

Executive leaves and shares slip as N&P issues warning

By Sarah Cunningham

NURDIN & PEACOCK, the cash-and-carry company, issued a profit warning yesterday and announced the departure of Nigel Hall, finance director, saving he had "lost the confidence of the

possibility of a bid is the first thing on my mind." he said. Pearson shares nonetheless pre-tax profits for the year slipped, from 690p to 683p, on ended December 29 to be the belief that the Harperabout £19-20 million com-Collins Educational purchase pared to City expectations of £24-£25 million. The warning sent its shares, which have makes Pearson a less likely

been edging down since Octo-ber, skidding a further 10p to 148p. Pre-tax profit was £16.5

million in 1994.

The company said competition, particularly in drinks, and a shift in demand towards lower margin products had affected it badly. Trading for January shows like-for-like sales 4 per cent up on 1995, ahead of expectations.

David Sims, chief executive said the bulk of the sales shortfall was in the fourth quarter. He said Mr Hall, who was with the company !! years and was paid £124,000 on a three-year rolling contract, would be entitled to some compensation, not yet

.worked out. The 1995 results estimate does not include a profit of about £7 million on the disposal of Cargo Club, the US-style warehouse business sold to J Sainsbury last year, but does include losses from it of

Baird hit after warning on profits

WILLIAM BAIRD, the clothing manufacturer, has given a warning that pre-tax profits will be below current market expectations and below those of the previous year.

City analysts immediately cut their pre-tax profit forecasts by about £3 million to £20 million for 1995 before

exceptionals. For 1996, forecasts were trimmed by about the same amount to £25 million-£26 million. The company's pre-tax profit in 1994 was £25 million. The shares fell 13p to close at 168p yesterday.

The group, which is a leading supplier to Marks & Spencer, said that exceptional charges for the restructuring of its textiles operations, which it began in November and the loss of about 600 jobs amounted to £9.8 million.

Baird expects to maintain its 1995 final dividend, "reflecting its underlying confidence in the group's future performance".

Julia Blake, an analyst with BZW, said that she was not surprised by the profit warning. She added: "It is very retrospective. Everyone has come out with a trading statement demonstrating that the trend in the second half was for lower sales and tricky margins."

The company said that it had experienced margin pressure in textiles, especially for its own-label products, following weak demand because of the unusually mild weather until late in

Clothing sales improved significantly in December, but that was not enough to compensate for slack business earlier in the second half of the

Baird's small engineering business posted a profit just above break-even as it too was hit by difficult trading

BUSINESS ACUNDUP

Games Workshop chief raises £3m

TOM KIRBY, the chief executive of Games Workshop, has raised almost £3.35 million through the sale of 1.16 million shares in the company, which is a retailer of fantasy war games. Mr Kirby, who is also a founder of Games Workshop, retains 2.59 million shares, representing 8.35 per cent of the equity, with a current value of £7.8

Mr Kirby's disposal, at 290p a share, took place as the shares rose to a record high of 309p on Thursday, valuing the business at almost £96 million. Shares in Games Workshop were floated on the stock market in October 1994 at 115p each. The shares fell op to 303p yesterday. Last month, the company, which has stores in Britain, mainland Europe and Australia, reported a 28 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £3.17 million.

Marr backs into brewer

MARR HOLDINGS, an operator of public houses in southern England, is reversing into United Breweries, creating a group with 277 pubs. United is paying £19.75 million for Marr, partly funded through a placing and open offer of new shares to raise £8.95 million. The enlarged company will be known as Inn Business. United Breweries reported a pre-tax profit of £304,000 for the year to November 24 (£1.0) million loss). There is again no dividend.

US acts on music piracy

THE US yesterday charged Japan with insufficiently protecting foreign music recordings from pirate copying and sought urgent talks to settle the row. The European Commission also said it had asked Japan to extend its copyright law to grant pop stars the full 50-year protection for their recordings. It said that if the conflict was not resolved it would join the US in seeking bilateral consultations with Japan, the first step in the World Trade Organisation's dispute settlement procedure.

Shire valued at £106m

SHIRE Pharmaceuticals Group, which specialises in the marketing, licensing and development of prescription medicines, will be valued at £106.6 million when its shares begin trading on the stock market on Thursday. The company is raising £20.7 million through a placing at 175p a share Schroder Ventures will retain its £5.5 per cent interest, while Johnson & Johnson Development Corporation, an existing shareholder, will invest a further £1 million.

Crest Nicholson setback

CREST NICHOLSON, the housebuilder, is holding the total dividend at 2p a share after suffering a decline in profits to £6.2 million from £11.1 million in the year to October 31. Profits from the residential division fell to £9.1 million from £15.2 million. Crest said house reservations in the first three months of the current year were ahead of 1995 and on budget. The final dividend, unchanged at 1.4p, will be paid April 19 from earnings of 3.02p (7.15p).

China turns to Airbus for new aircraft



Li Peng, the Premier, said Chinese airlines may buy six A340s

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT firmed that talks are progress-

CHINA is poised to end its year-long moratorium on buying new airliners by ordering up to 40 from Airbus Industrie. the European consortium. in a \$2 billion plus deal The order would be a break-

through for British Aerospace and its French. German and Spanish partners, who have to date sold only 35 aircraft to China, against 240 bought from Boeing of America. Li Peng, the Chinese pre-

mier, told French businessmen in Beijing that Chinese airlines were interested in buying 30-40 Airbus A310 widebody jets and six sub-jumbo A340s. An Airbus spokesman.con-

ing well. But the consortium is expecting an early order for its smaller A320 aircraft, which it says are particularly attractive to China because of their ease of maintenance and low operating costs.

In spite of passenger num-bers soaring by 10 per cent a year. Casc, the Chinese central aircraft purchasing agency, halted new aircraft purchases to allow airlines to improve maintenance regimes after a spate of accidents.

To support its sales campaign in the world's most promising aircraft market, Airbus is spending ESO million

on a joint venture maintenance centre and cockpit simulator in Beijing. Airbus estimates that Chinese airlines will boy 1,320 aircraft worth \$100 billion

over 20 years. As part of the sales effort, it is already sourcing parts from Chinese manufacturers, and plans to invite China to participate in developing a

new super-jumbo. Aero International Regional, the regional aircraft consortium in which BAe has a one-third share, is also negotiating to partner China, Singapore and Korea in developing

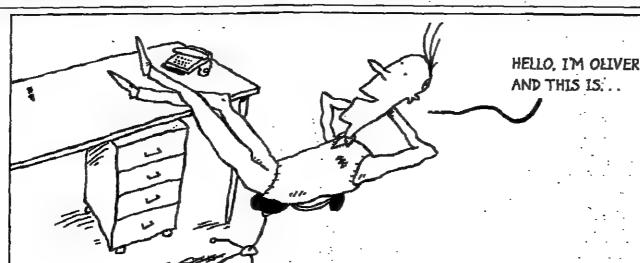
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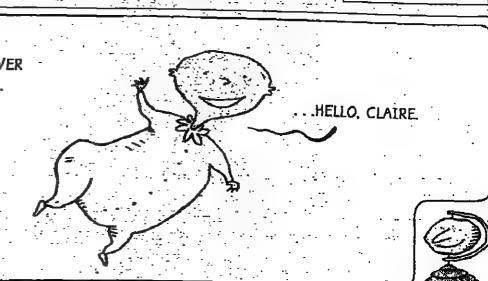
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A WORKING WEEK FOR: JULIAN METCALFE

An appetite to keep the customer satisfied

Sarah Bagnall meets one of the founders of Pret A Manger who has no diary and gives

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Julian Metcalfe's nervous energy, and there is a lot of it, is focused on feeding the body, not the spirit. Met-

calfe, 36, is half of the Pret A Manger, the chain of sandwich shops that has revolutionised the concept of sandwich-making - and eating. No more limp lettuces or slimy, plastic

ham nestling in gently curling bread. No. more painstakingly scraping margarine off baguettes that bear an uncarny resemblance to rubber. Now, sandwich munchers have Prets, as the chain is fondly called by its 800-odd staff.

Prets is no ordinary sandwich shop. Its stores are sparkling clean with a distinctive metal decor, offering a range of highquality sushi, salads, cakes and vampedup sandwiches at a brisk pace. It has also won the unusual distinction for a sand-wich stall of an Egon Ronay star and, in 1994, was crowned king of the sandwich by the British Sandwich Association.

But Pret's success was not won easily. Driven by pure frustration about the lack of ability to grab a quality sandwich at lunchtime, Metcalfe and Sinclair Beecham, his partner, set up Prets in 1986 with a

£17,000 bank loan. To begin with, it was an abject failure. "We started in London with one shop in Victoria Street. We worked at trying to get it right for three years. It was COM-PLETELY wrong for three years. It was really bad. EVERYTHING

about it was bad. The concept didn't work. We couldn't get the right food. It was AWFUL," says Mescalfe, who speaks in outsized letters to emphasise a point.

But Metcalfe and Beecham, 37, had a clear idea of their intentions and a fastidiousness that ultimately carried them through. "Our aim was to try to take on these wretched fast-food operators. No one really sold natural normal healthy food as a fast-food retailer. I suppose that's our fault as customers because we are impatient. That's why McDonald's and these places are so unbelievably successful. They operate marvellous businesses. Just look at the way people flock to

them." he says.

The Pret mission is to emulate the fastfood chains in serving customers equally as efficiently and equally as quickly, but to offer completely naturally made prod-

The balance between value and quality has proved a winner, and the number of stores has swollen to about 40, generating annual sales in excess of £30 million. The chain continues to expand and last week saw the opening of an outlet in Oxford -Pret's farthest-flung outpost.

Melcalfe has a rather peculiar ap-

proach to running a business. Unlike his brethren in corporate boardrooms around the country, he doesn't know what

HE HAS all the hall-marks of an evangeli-the next day. This comes down to the basic fact that he doesn't have a diary, "My partner is completely different and very structured. But I don't have a diary personally, so I don't have any idea what I'm doing from one day to the next. I don't really need one as I don't like having lots of meetings. They're a waste of time."

This complete lack of structure gives Metcalfe immense flexibility during the week to respond immediately to ideas and events. When a semblance of an idea bubbles into his consciousness, Metcalfe doesn't need to jot it down and place it in his "to do" tray for attention at a later date. "I don't see how you get things done if you are tied down," he says.

However, Metcalfe is not left to free wheel through the week. Lisa, his personal assistant, does keep a diary and each morning grabs him when he arrives at about 9am from his home in Battersea. south London, where he lives in a converted school with Melanie, his wife, and three children.

"Lisa comes in and says this is what you are doing today. Sign this, sign this, sign this, read this and then I'm probably half way through and I leap up and run out to do something else. I drive her mad." However, as Lisa's diary last week of

Metcalfe's movements reveals, little is planned. The sole, regular feature of his week is the Tuesday morning senior management meet-ing. The three-hour meeting involves a brief discussion on the group's trading but mainly focuses on the major issues challenging the business. Of the remaining

hours in the week, Met-

calfe says he spends 95 per cent of his time listening to customers and listening to employees. "My week is totally driven by the employees and the customers," he says.

Given Prets is a high-volume, lowmargin business, the key to its success is ensuring that the business has a loyal customer base.

"You have to get your customers to come back. Thousands and thousands and thousands of them. The only way you do that is trying to satisfy them TIME and TIME again, and the way to do that is through the price of the product, the quality of the product and the attitude of the employees who work there," says

Reflecting this attitude, Metcalie's name and number are emblatoned across all Pret bags, encouraging customers to call if they want to talk. And they do, "I ak to every customer that calls. lot of people call just to test it and then when they get through they are so surprised, he says.

And every customer who writes in gets letter back - something that Metcalfe feels fervently about. "I spent £4,000 on something the other day through an airline. I won't say who, but it was a nightmare, but I haven't even had a letter back. That's three-and-a-half weeks ago. If someone has a problem with a £2



Julian Metcalfe encourages customer feedback. He says: "A lot of people call just to test it and then when they get through they are so surprised"

sandwich I write back the same day," he

Metcalfe's openness and availability extends to the group's employees — all of them have his home telephone number. He spends large tracts of time trying to bring the best out of the "crew", as he calls

"I really do believe that coming to work is a real pain. I really do and always have. I must be a really lazy person. So you must make work challenging and re-warding," he argues. And while his attitude may not be that unusual, his approach most certainly is.

One way Prets tries to build team spirit is through a "shooting star" scheme, whereby everybody who finishes a course or gets promoted is awarded some money. But the individual is not allowed to keep the money. He or she has to give it to the people who belped to train them. Metcalle explains: "If you have become team manager then probably ten people went out of their way to show you how to do things. You're fine. You've got promoted. Your pay has gone up, but what about the people who helped you?"

Another expample of his maverick approach was when last week he visited a shop and spotted the manager and assistant manager with their top buttons undone. Instead of leaping down their throats, he took the operational manager

shopping in Jerrayn Street, promptly bought two £60 shirts and £40 ties and gave them to the button abusers. "At first they couldn't understand why, and then they realised and blushed. I said don't do it because it makes the

customer think you are sloppy and you are not sloppy' and then I left. Neither of them has had their top button undone since." He is equally as manic about quality.

Last week Nelly, who plays a major part in the food side of the business, flew to Spain to check out the environment in which the chickens used

"It's taken us MONTHS to ensure all our eggs are properly free-range, not

bullshit free-range, not a stupid marketing campaign. Our supplier's chickens DO roam around the field and are NOT debeaked and DONT have antibiotics. The same applies to all our food. Our cakes, bread, everything. We don't put chemicals in them."

All the group's sandwiches are made on site each morning. "You can't make thousands of sandwiches in a factory in the North and then sell them the following day. You wouldn't do that at home. Imagine you, this afternoon, made a sandwich at home and then put it in the fridge and then took it out of the fridge tomorrow. It's INCONCEIVABLE. You wouldn't do that."

Metcalfe's spontaneity and dedication to quality revealed itself in a recent trip to the group's Kensington store, "We sell a brand of crisps that I was deeply unhappy about. I was so fed up seeing these huge trolleys of crisps that I ended up wheeling one out of the shop, down the arcade, through Boots and out on to the pavement and just got rid of them. I couldn't BEAR to see them any more."

Prets appears to have struck on the right recipe for success, but Metcalfe believes that to stay successful Prets must offer high quality and good service at the right price, while keeping a close check on the competition and taking the appropriate action.

Looking at what other people are doing is very important. The trouble is that everyone does this, but the fact of the matter is what do they DO about it? the great thing is that Pret accepts that action is required. A lot of people seem to monitor their own failure and do nothing about it. It's EXTRAORDINARY."

A bank where social history is keenly taken into account

Prime party venues have been snapped up all over Britain four years in advance for New Year's Eve 1999 to celebrate rium. Messrs Drummond, the bankers, who were bought by Royal Bank of Scotland in 1924, will no doubt already be working on the menu to rival the 1900 annual partnership dinner at its Charing Cross premises on the eve of the last turn of the century.

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A colourful collection of decorative menu cards forms just a part of the rich archives of the bank, a collection of documents, records, letters, scrolls, pictures and ledgers which prohistory of London going back more than 250 years.

Andrew Drummond was 29 when he opened his first banking ledger in 1717 as a young Scottish goldsmith recently moved south from Edinburgh to set up shop at the sign of the golden eagle" in Charing Cross, an area where Scots had settled since Elizabethan times.

Scottish names predominate in the early accounts but as a tenant of Northumberland House, the last of the riverside palaces on the Strand, Drummond and his fledgeling business benefited from the lavish entertainments laid on by the Duke of Northumberland, to which ministers and members of the nobility were invited.

But he also had early connections with men of the arts and craftsmen who congregated in the 18th century around St Martin's Lane and

Joanna Pitman unearths treasures among the archives at Drummonds

the Strand. James Gibbs, architect of the new St Martin-in-the-Fields of which Drummond was a warden, opened an account, as did Alexander Pope, the poet, and John Zoffany, the painter. The last years of Drummond's life were prosperous bility at home and colonial expansion abroad meant London had become Europe's largest city. New cli-

ents included Sir William Chambers and Henry Holland, the architects, Lancelot Capability Brown, the landscape gardener, and Thomas Gainsborough, the painter.

When Drummond died at the age of 81 in 1769, a contemporary remembered his boast that "I have done great things, and have almost everything I could desire. My son is married into a noble family, and I have



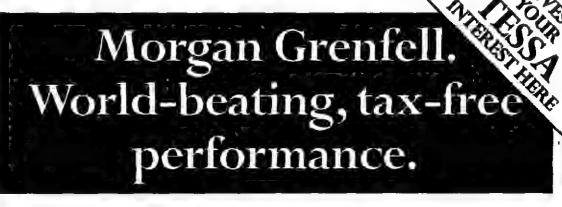
Some of the rare menu cards housed at Drummonds

planted a colony of Drummonds round Charing Cross which appears to thrive."

The business was indeed thriving, so much so that the bank's premises on the west side of Whitehall, bought in 1760, were improved with ceilings and mantelpieces designed by Robert and James Adam, the fashionable architects of the day. Despite near-bankruptcy, the firm again flourished

and by 1775 there were nine dukes and 82 peers among the 2.850 account-holders as well as industrialists and entrepreneurs, including Jo-Wedgwood and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. But the bank was most proud of its royal patronage and letters in the archive show the extent of it, beginning in 1764 when Samuel Martin opened an account as treasurer to the widowed Princess of Wales. The Duke of Gloucester began to bank there in 1775 and in 1784 George III, "chusing to deal with a Gentlemen rather than addressing myself through others to the Common sort of moneyed Men". approached Henry Drummond for £24,000.

In the 19th century, customers included several prime ministers, Sir John Fredrick Herschel, the astronomer, and Sir Humphry Davy, the chemist. Today Drummonds keeps its history books open and maintains a number of accounts that date back to the 18th century. Social historians will continue to delight for many years in the riches of



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Burdened with EbO million of pipeline in-

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upstream. Transco's borrowing costs will rise after the demerger and having seen the com-

pany do the splits, its future partners in explor-

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that Transco's upstream potential has been severely curtailed by the loss of Morecambe and its rating will suffer accordingly.

£200 million annual cost

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But if Unilever continues to

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Upstream goes downhill

What worries investors is.

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After the US restructuring

Unilever is focusing atten-

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in the margarine business. But the City was led to

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TRANSCO, the proposed British Gas up-

stream and pipeline business, is paying a high price for being allowed to shuffle off its prob-

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Gas was required to spin off Energy with no

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British Gas's gas production and, excluding the pipeline network, is the largest British Gas

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Morecambe Bay's £500 million of cashflow it is difficult to see how the disabled British Energy

could survive. Unfortunately for British Gas

investors, Energy's gain is Transco's loss: Morecambe Bay was the cornerstone of

British Gas's upstream strategy, prior to the

supported by the Morecambe Bay gasfield. Morecambe Bay accounts for 70 per cent of



MICHAEL CLARK

Investors turn nervous as profit warnings multiply

warnings and downgradings weighed heavily on investors with share prices dipping below 3,700 at one stage.

Nurdin & Peacock, the cash and carry operator, fell 10p to 148p after warning that profits for the year just ended will fall short of expectations. David Sims, chief executive, blamed the continuous erosion of margins. Brokers had been looking for up to £28 million but he said the figure is likely to be pitched somewhere between £19 million and £20 million. Last year the group made £16.9 million. The warning was accompanied by the abrupt departure of Nigel Hall, finance director. The group has promised to maintain the final dividend.

A profit warning also sent William Baird tumbling 13p to 108p, after touching 159p. The clothing group said pre-tax profits, achieved before restructuring costs of almost £10 million, will fall short of last year's £25.1 million, although the total dividend would be maintained at 9.50.

The mild weather was blamed for the setback, which had put margins under pressure. Improved clothing sales during December had failed to offset the earlier problems.

Tarmac and George

Wimpey signalled that their E000 million asset swap was to go-ahead. But Tarmae rocked the market with news that profits during 1495 would be hit by a £30 million provision. It relates to a power station contract which has yet to be signed off. As a result, profits were expected to drop from E107 million to £65 million. Brokers had been looking for profits of £95 million. Tarmae still rose 22p to 1202p.

Wimpey fell 5p to 135p after giving warning that profits would fall sharply in the second half resulting a full year outcome of only £15.5 million compared with £45.1 million last time. It blamed a downturn in house sales.

food group, says the cost of closing businesses in the US and restructuring its European operations will be £235 million. The figure will be included in the year-end results. The shares responded with a fall of top to £12.89.

Alpha Airports slipped ip to 108p as brokers began downgrading their forecasts following a profits warning. Following some gloomy com-



David Sims saw Nurdin & Peacock shares slip 10p

ments accompanying the interim ligures, the group now says that pre-tax profits will be lower than the £21.4 million achieved in 1994. Greig Middleton, the broker, has trimmed its forecast for 1996 by 1 million to \$26 million and has cut its estimate for 1995 by E2 million to £20

End of the week bear closing

Profit-taking left MAI 13p lower at 435p in the wake of this week's proposed £2.9 bil-Burmah Castrol surged 51n to £10.39 after a strong buy recom-

hands.

mendation from Merrill Lynch Smith New Court the broker. which says the shares are undervalued and may be worth £12.14

to £14.66. It says the lubricants business alone is worth £3 billion

and pitches the company's break-up value at about £20 a share.

however, no disguising what

has been a difficult time for

investors, with the index fall-

lot to be desired and by the

close of business a total of 806

million shares had changed

Once again turnover left a

ing 65-points on the week.

and the start of the fifth consecutive record-breaking run on Wall Street enabled the rest of the equity market to end the week in positive territory. The index had opened 12points higher reflecting New York's overnight performance before dipping back below 3,700 on renewed political worries and uncertainty about the timing of the next cut in German interest rates, it rallied before the close to finish

7.9 up at 3.7i6.3. There was,

lion merger with United News & Media, publisher of the Daily Express. United News lost 7p at 045p. The speculators are still talking of a possible bid for MAI.

Takeover favourite Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times and owner of Lazards merchant bank, left most City speculators disillusioned with the news that it is to pay 5377 million for Publishing from The News

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of The Times. Brokers said it was a step in the right direction for Pearson, but the shares finished 7p lower at 683p, after briefly touching 667p. Pearson share price has been scaling new highs recent-ly on suggestions that it is a potential bid target. Last week Pearson's name was being linked with Viacom, the US

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, continues to take a cautious view of J. Sainsbury following a meeting with the company earlier this week. Laing has chosen to reiterate the view that clients should switch into Tesco, unchanged at 2822 p. Sainsbury also finished all-square at .387p.

There was further heavy turnover recorded in Smith & Nephew as the price rose a further 5p to 1922 p. Several brokers have had a change of heart about prospects for the group. Harmony Property returned from suspension 14 p lower at 35 p after the breakdown of reverse takeover talks with Galliard Homes. As if to rub salt in investors' wounds. the group announced write offs totalling £1 million.

Games Workshop fell from record high of 309p to finished op lower at 303pafter Tom Kirby, chairman, sold 1.15 million shares at 290p reducing his remaining hold

ing to 2.59 million. Cortees International, the pharmaceutical group, jumped 24p to 241p after the company spoke to fund managers at a presentation arranged by Nomura, the Japanese broking house.

GILT-EDGED: Investors had to endure another volatile session reflecting uncertainty

in overseas bond markets. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt touched a low for the day of £108 2 before rallying to close Et to firmer at E1095 is. The number of contracts completed grew to 71,000. Among conventional ssues. Treasury 8 per cent 2013 more three £1001932, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was all-square at £1041312. NEW YORK: Shares on

Wall Street pushed higher in morning trading as the market followed through on the strength of the past few days, propped up by the continual flow of cash into mutual funds. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was up 34.68 points at 5,574.13.

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expectations with periodic restructuring charges. Hence, the City's negative reaction to news of a £225 million charge for the final quarter of 1995. The decision to close down fabric powder production at a US plant is unsurprising and should produce benefits. Competition is eroding Unilever's market share in soap powders and recent efforts to streamline the liquid detergents business in the US generated solid gains. **UK Equities** NOT a week goes by without

Unilever

UNILEVER ought to be the

investment of choice this

year. In a slowing world economy, the defensive mer-its of a big manufacturer of

branded consumer goods

should become apparent

Sadly, however, the Anglo-

Dutch company is unable to

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a profit warning. Last ausector, followed by textile companies and more recently gloom from builders and consumer product manufacturers. Only last summer, however, analysts were fore-casting market earnings growth of 15 per cent or more in 1995 and double-digit growth in 1996. The warm feeling from a good spring reporting season persuaded forecasters to ignore economists who gave

warning of an adjustment: plummeted and the general consensus for 1995 is growth of 12 per cent followed by 8-9 per cent in the current year. Having been burned by too much good news last year, the worry in the current reporting season is that investors will dwell on bad news in the forthcoming re-

sults season. But the num-bers will be historic and the

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real question is whether growth will pick up later. That seems likely: there is an unusual consensus among the financial community, government and volers that the economy needs a kick, suggesting lower inter-

est rates to stimulate spending. Despite a boost to liquidity from bids and buybacks, the big funds have not been buyers of UK equities, preferring America, emerging markets and bonds. A multiple of 13.9 times December 1996 earnings makes UK pic look inexpensive, compared with Wall Street's 17.5 times. However, staying out

Wimpey

WHO would want to be in Wimpey's boots? Unmitigated exposure to housebuilding does not sound like a recipe for easy sleep. Yesterday Wimpey sealed its takeover of Tarmac's housebuilding division, becoming the UK's largest housebuilder. Tar-

mac appeared to get the short straw in the asset swap, taking over minerals and construction, two operations on which Wimpey had struggied to put a shine. Tarmac's housebuilding operation will take Wimpey up to 12,000 units a year — a level that will leave the builder with a financial burden each year in replacing stock. Wimpey is confident that the market is on the turn, reporting a 10 per cent increase in business so far this year. But with such mixed signals coming out of

this time last year. Wimpey's advantage is short-term rewards. If volume returns then it will see immediate benefits from greater exposure. The down side, however, is large and the company will have little bargaining position in its role as a hostage to the economy.

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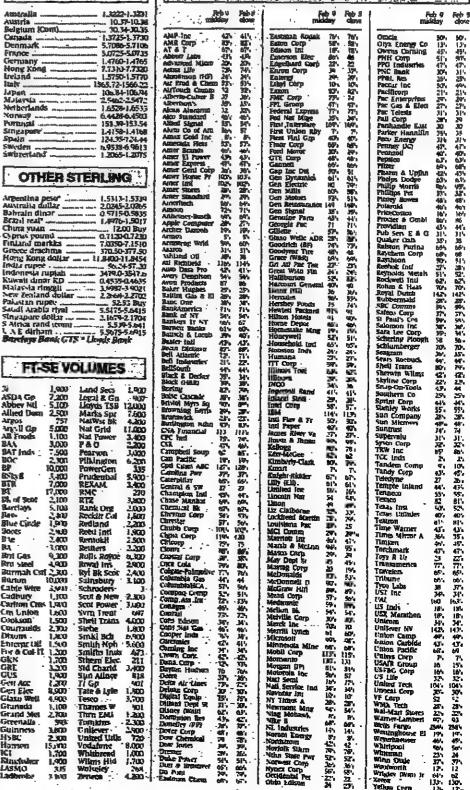
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Leaseholders sold short by freehold law

Sara McConnell on the need for greater protection from powerful landlords

have bought flats in private retirement homes are among thousands of leaseholders whose right to buy their freehold is being ignored by their landlords. Many of these landlords are household name companies who buy and sell freeholds as part of large com-mercial property portfolios. Leaseholders often discover

the freehold has been sold behind their backs, giving them no chance to buy. Some new landlords then raise service charges and adopt bullying tactics to force people to pay. In some cases, they ignore special-ist services people have paid for, such as resident wardens.

Ministers are under increasing pressure to stop abuse of legislation intended to give leaseholders first refusal if their freehold is up for sale. Revelations in The Times and elsewhere of such abuses have forced John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to include a last-minute draft of amendments to the Housing Bill going through Parliament. But the government-funded Leasehold Enfranchisement Advisory Service (LEAS) will tell him next week that the amendments do not go far enough.

Campaigners say that without far-reaching reforms leasehold properties will become increasingly difficult to sell, with consequent dire effects on the housing market. Joan South of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association (LEA) says: Who is going to buy into a situation where so-called homeowners can be sold from one landlord to another, or come under control of the nightmare landlords whose service charge excesses are chronicled daily in

Advisers on leasehold rights are particularly concerned about the plight of elderly leaseholders, many of whom have sunk their life savings into retirement homes.

Rudi Reeves of the Advice. Information and Mediation Service for Retirement Housing (AIMS), said: "Breaches of the law have happened in retirement homes on a number of occasions. Leaseholders are realising that the only way out

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of it is to buy the freehold. But many older leaseholders have made a big financial investment ... and they are wary of the extra cost of buying the freehold." Under Section 5 of the Land-

lord & Tenant Act, 1987, leaseholders have an absolute right to first refusal when the freehold is up for sale, but landlords have been flouting the rule with impunity because there are no sanctions against doing so. Leaseholders can demand that a new landlord sell them the freehold for the same price he paid. But they have to act within two months, which is not long enough for many people to realise the freehold has changed hands.

The amendments to the Housing Bill would make it a criminal offence for a landlord selling a freehold to fail to offer first refusal to leaseholders. The leaseholders will also have longer to exercise their rights if they discover their freehold has been sold: four months from when they discover the sale to demand information, and then six months to serve a purchase

But the LEAS believes that it should be also mandatory for local authorities to prosecute selling landlords who ignore the law and the proposed maximum (2,500 fine should be raised. Third parties who buy in spite of the sanction, should have to prove what price they



Victory in sight: Rene and Eric Tauber who want to buy the freehold of their flat at Tower Grange, Salford

Tenants win right to buy homes

easeholders in ten retirement flats this week won a victory over the Co-operative Bank, after the intervention of The Times. The bank admitted it had been wrong to sell the freehold of the flats without giving the leaseholders right of first refusal and has now promised to pay the extra costs of the tenants in exercising their right to buy back the freehold from the new landlord.

In a statement, the bank said that solicitors acting for it had taken a "commercial decision" not to give tenants first refusal. The solicitors had

concluded that "tenants' rights were adequately protected and no losses would accrue". The bank now concedes this was wrong.

Alvin Dytch of Liefman Rose, solicitors, who is acting for a majority of the leaseholders, welcomed the Coop's decision. Goldhawk Properties, the new landlord, this week agreed to sell the freehold to the leaseholders.

The leaseholders, including Rene and Eric Tauber, own the retirement flats in Tower Grange, Salford, near Manchester. The first they learnt of the impending sale of their block was

last October, when Northern Counties Housing Association, the then managing agents, told them that the Cooperative Bank had repossessed the block when the original developer went into receivership in 1993 and wanted to sell the freehold.

They then discovered the Co-op had sold the block to Goldhawk Properties, of Golders Green, north London. Under Section 5 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987, the Co-op should have given leaseholders first refusal.

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Solicitor seeks C&G bonus suits

VERNON & SHAKESPEARE, a Birmingham firm of solicitors, is claiming to be able to help aggrieved Chellenham & Gloucester customers, who feel they missed out on bonuses in the Lloyds takeover.

But its help comes at a price about £100 per case, just to find out whether those who failed to be eligible for the pay out have any case in law. The solicitor is writing to 2,000 members of C&G Alternatives - an action group set up at the time of the takeover to demand alternatives. If all members of C&G Alternatives take up the offer. Vernon & Shakespeare could make £200,000 just to consider whether

uction is possible.

The C&G says about half a dozen people have contacted it to complain about the mailshot. Some were C&G customers who had received the payout, and who had originally een members of C&G Alternatives for reasons other than being excluded from the bonus.

C&G says anyone with a grievance against the society because they felt they had been excluded from the payout could go to the Building Societies Ombudsman which is free. He has considered many complaints about the C&G takeover and has found that it has acted within the law. The ombudsman still has some cases to consider.

Tony Powles, a Vernon & Shakespeare partner, said: "C&G Alternatives sent me through a list of names to see whether we could take the matter any further. If we can get enough people together, then we can see if we can get a group action

Paul Rivlin, head of C&G Alternatives, questions Vernon & Shakespeare's view. "Our advice said any legal action would be pretty speculative. There was not enough certainty of a legal action being suc-

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Quick sales that end up in court

Smith's Charity were this week forced to defend themselves in the Court of Appeal against one of the tenants fighting the charity's sale of its South Kensington estate to the Wellcome Trust.

Smith's Charity angered leaseholders when it sold the estate to Welicome last summer without offering tenants first refusal to buy. Every day leaseholders across the country are discovering that their freeholds have been sold to others before they realise it. They then have to take expensive legal action to buy the freehold from the new

Many large commercial property owners, including Smith's, argue that the selling landlord does not have to offer first refusal to leaseholders. Instead, the seller can

leave it to the purchaser to ask the leaseholders if they are interested in the freehold. If enough of the qualifying tenants show interest, they can

negotiate to buy.

Sellers usually claim they have chosen the latter route "commercial" reasons because they can get a quicker sale. Leaseholders offered the freehold by the purchaser have less time to indicate their interest. They have only 28 days to act instead of two months, as they would if offered the freehold by the seller. John Gummer, the environment secretary, has now conceded that 28 days is too short, and he proposes to extend the period to two months in an amendment to

the Housing Bill. But it is not yet clear if a landford selling a property can legally choose to leave his

the leaseholders. Zipporah Mainwaring, a Smith's leaseholder, argued in the Court of Appeal that Smith's Charity had been wrong to sell the estate without giving them first refusal, and that leaving Wellcome, as purchasers, to contact leaseholders was not an alternative.

The appeal court reserved udgment, but its ruling will be eagerly awaited by the 30 tenants of Hylda Court, a 1930s block of flats in North

Court was owned by the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society until 1993, when it sold the block to Frogmore Estates, a property company. Liverpool Victoria wrote in confidential selling brochure issued by its agents that

it "did not propose to serve any notices under Section 5 of the Act frequiring the seller to give leaseholders first refusall once terms are agreed for a sale. Further, it will be a condition of the contract that the purchaser will not serve any notices under the Act until after completion has occurred".

Liverpool Victoria said it

had been a condition of the

sale that Frogmore, as purchaser, should offer the freehold. It said: "We believe we haven't eroded tenants' rights and we have obeyed the law". It had been keen to make a quick sale because it had too

much residential property in its portfolio and had been told that it would be quicker not to negotiate with the

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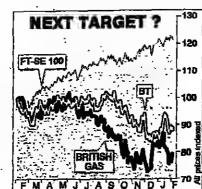
Tedric Brown's undignified exit from the executive suite should worry any hard-working salaryman. Even at the end, the scapegoat is under attack for being allowed to receive his lately boosted company pension when British Gas is doing so badly. It hardly bodes well for an era of expanding private pensions if rights built up over 43 years service are still seen as corporate largesse for higher orders to dole out at their discretion.

Mr Brown has been reinvented as the managerial version of Sid, the common man dreamt up by posh adfolk 10 years ago as a condescending put-down for millions of small investors. Sid was ushered by City smoothies into a sale but exciting new world of privatised enterprise, and offered a handful of used fivers by way of "incentives", as a foretaste of rewards ahead. Ignoring those used fivers. £100 invested in British Gas at its 1986 launch would now be worth about £160. If Sid had put the money in a respectable unit trust, it should be worth at least £225. Much the same fate eventually befell

the gasman. Under Sir Denis Rooke, who created the successful company sold to us in 1986, there were no "fat cats on the board. Sir Denis saw privatisation as a mere change of owner. After Mr Brown became boss, City influence brought in Richard Giordano to change that culture. Mr Giordano first brought fat cat salaries from America to Britain 17 years ago. His new salary structure neatly fined his £450,000 as part-time chairman. Aside from the salary debacle, how-



ever, the troubles now afflicting British Gas shareholders and customers stem entirely from massive and indecently hasty government intervention. Having abjured picking winners, ministers decided to pick losers, destroying successful private companies by live dissection in the name of ideology. Tim Eggar, the cut-and-run Industry Minister, acceler-



ated the onslaught on British Gas after insisting on the most painful option of immediate mass closure for the coal industry. He represents a perverse mentality that values policies higher, the more unpopular they are. For Gas investors, that has brought the heavy losses that tend to go with forced sequestration of one's business.

Symbolically, both Mr Eggar and Mr Brown will finally quit the scene at much the same time as orivate investors are encouraged to self their devalued stock in the smaller, superficially riskier, part of a split British Gas. That is for City convenience rather than shareholders' interests, which may prove quite different once details emerge,

There is a more urgent warning. As a glance at the chart will show, our BT shares have fallen almost as steeply as British Gas over the past year, for the same reason. Regulation set up to guard against abuse of monopoly power is being perverted into a drive to destroy the privatised company. through a two-way plan to slash profits and shrink custom. As the information superhighway farce illustrates, investors should not rely on more sense from Labour. British Gas foolishly angered its 1.8 million shareholders instead of

harnessing their political power. BT may be smarter but there are few signs yet. Utility shares are often most depressed ahead of regulatory reviews. In the long run, however, the 2.5 million holders of BT would do best either to sell their shares or to lobby their nearest Tory MP while there is still time.

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More branches to be pruned as takeovers bite

early 3,000 branches of high street banks have closed in the last five years, and after the Lloyds takeover of TSB, analysts are forecasting more closures.

A private Bill to merge Lloyds and TSB - enabling customer accounts to be transferred into the new bank — is expected to reach Parliament within the next 18 months. This could mean that where branches of TSB and Lloyds sit side by side one may have to close, "Over time, there will be some amalgamation of branches," said TSB.

Ed Sweeney, general secre-tary of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu), which has more than 130,000 members, said: "We will be lobbying MPs hard to oppose this Bill if it means more job losses and a worse choice for customers.

Bifu added: "It's a moral judgment. It might be okay to close a branch commercially, but it's not very sensible socially. What does it mean to the community and the staff? It also affects the economy as a

Customer complaints reached their peak in the early 1990s when the leading banks were accused of chopping branches, cutting staff, removing managers and pushing up charges. Customers were hit hardest in rural areas, where often there was only one bank. When that bank closed, villagers were forced to switch to the Post Office's Girobank or to incur the cost of travelling

Banks make profits from customers yet they're deserting them," said Bifu. "They tend to be the non-profitable branches in remote areas that

Morag Preston examines the

personal cost as banks seek

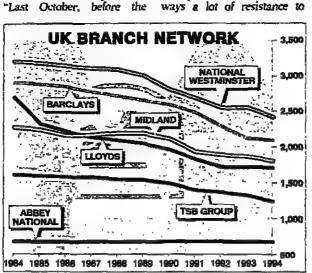
to economise on their networks

a vicious circle. That branch might not make a profit, but the company as a whole does. "It's particularly hard for small businesses cashing up at the end of the week, forced to take large sums of money on a

longer journey." Lloyds and TSB have about 2.850 branches. Lloyds said:

people tend to use. It becomes money. Otherwise, it means customers from other branches having to subsidise it," said Lloyds. "There's a reason why people aren't using sub-branches so much. Presumably, more people are travelling into work, or they're drawing cash at large supermarkets."

Lloyds added: "There's always a lot of resistance to



merger, we hadn't had a largescale closure for a year or two, and were where we wanted to be. The merger has clouded the issue a little bit."

Appropriately, Lloyds is strongest in the South and South West, while TSB is traditionally a northern bank. "We look to see if there are enough customers using the branch, and that it isn't losing

copie closing a small rural branch. It's bad news for people in the village, and for local business. It's a chicken and egg situation - maybe people in the village aren't using the bank enough. It's a thorny question what moral obligations banks have."

More than 500 branches of Barclays Bank have closed since 1990, leaving about

reached the end of our programme." said Barclays. Where we do make closures, it's always after considerable consideration. They're usually sub-branches in suburbia that weren't open for the full day, that weren't being used enough to justify them staying

Barclays added: "The key thing is we offer services where it's most convenient for the majority of customers. Where they live isn't always the most convenient place if the shopping centre has moved down the road."

Where Barclays closes a branch, it is normally replaced with an automated teller machine. "We're aware of the concern in rural communities where branches have been closed, but it's for us to educate customers and to make them more aware of alternative services available," it said.

There are currently 2,300 branches of NatWest across the UK, giving it the secondlargest market after Lloyds-TSB, NatWest, the first bank to remain open on a Sunday at a shopping centre in Essex, said: "Our branch network is smaller than it was five years ago. We have to make a decision from time to time, and a balance has to be

Midland describes itself as 'peculiar", because of its commitment to "community banking". Last year, Midland cut 1,745 jobs and moved its senior managers into high street branches. Midiand said: "Our current strategy is to provide a senior level of service at community level. Our customers want someone in their own community who can make a decision, without going to area or regional level."



Left in the wilderness by NatWest

had been banking with NatWest for 45 years when they decided to shut his local sub-branch in South Ockenden, Essex. As a 65year-old pensioner, upset by the way his bank has treated him, Mr Lock is switching his account to another bank,

A couple of years ago, NatWest wrote to Mr Lock to inform him that his branch

Well-heeled and clutching a brace of credit cards, the typical customer is a male

homeowner, aged between 24

and 54. He earns at least

£20,000 a year, and there is

only a one-in-ten chance he is

over 50. Telephone banking is

to sort out their financial affairs in the evenings or at

The banks like it because

once they have invested in the necessary technology, the ser-

vice is relatively cheap to run.

At present, more than two million banking transactions are made by telephone, with

the number expected to rise to 9.6 million in four years. At the

same time, traditional high street banking transactions are expected to fall from just

under 30 million to around

The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu) says

that as centralised telephone

services grow, smaller high street branches will close down. It says 20,000 more banking jobs are expected to

disappear within the next few

years, and says that the indus-

try, which employed 445,000

22.4 million.

was being renamed as part of a consolidation programme. Last month, NatWest phoned him to ask whether he wanted to renew his

new account and was assured that NatWest in South (Morag Preston writes). Ockenden had renewed its lease for a further five years: The week after that, Mr Lock's wife returned from

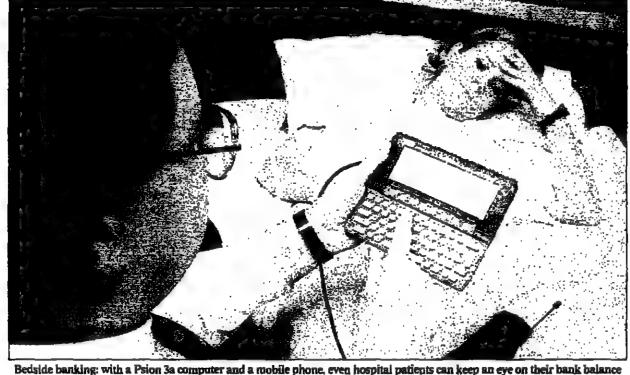
their bank with news that it is closing in March. "The nearest branch is in Grays, five miles away, and the journey will cost £2.10 by

bus," says Mr Lock. "It will take half a day to get there and back, then I'll need a cup The following week, his sister-in-law went to open a of tea when I get into town. Everyone we know is old they can't stand outside waiting for a bus in this weather. and in the summer it's too hot. "Services are being

chipped away. They are grasping my money with one hand, and they are locking the key of our bank door with the other.

The Post Office is the only remaining financial institution in South Ockenden, so wherever he moves his bank account. Mr Lock will be forced-to travel-into Grays. Rates are important, but we'll pick the bank closest to the bus stop," he says.

Accounts in the palms of their hands



Bedside banking: with a Psion 3a computer and a mobile phone, even hospital patients can keep an eye on their bank balance

LLOYDS and Citibank have launched software packages for use with a Psion, the hand-held computer (Caroline Merrell and Morag Preston write).

The software will give the banks' customers access to the latest information on their accounts and allow transactions to be carried out via telephone lines.

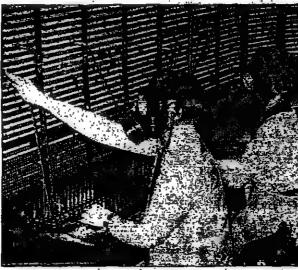
The Citibank software allows customer to transfer money between accounts and gives details of transactions. The Lloyds

software enables customers to send electronic cheques to any UK account. The Lloyds scheme began as a pilot in the Thames Valley and Eastern area, and involved 30 people. This has now been extended nationwide and abroad, involving another 70 customers. John Leather. product manager emerging technology. said: "Small businesses like the portability and security. Other people like the idea of being able to carry out home

banking whenever they want. But I think chequebooks are going to be here for a long time yet. It's not for wandering into the local shop with."

Mike Dennehy, Citibank marketing director, said: "No matter where custom ers are, they can access their account easily and with complete security." The Citibank software costs £49 including VAT. No price has yet been set for the

ould the shape of things to come be a bank without branches? In Battle lines are just four years, as many as 10 drawn as banks million people could be con-ducting their financial affairs over the telephone, according to forecasts. ring changes with Datamonitor, the market research company, believes telephone banking is so popu-lar with young people that it will grow by up to 30 per cent telephone service by the year 2000.



On call: not even a war stops a determined telephonist

people in 1989, now has jobs

for only 370,000. As demand grows, a twotier system has developed. There is the personalised service, which allows you to call up an operator 24 hours a day. seven days a week, to pay bills, arrange overdrafts and check balances by phone.

National Westminster Bank and First Direct run such services. NatWest's is called PrimeLine, It has 20,000 customers and went nationwide last month. It is open only to people who earn more than 20,000 a year, and charges are the same as for ordinary

NatWest services. First Direct,

launched by Midland Bank in 1989, has around 500,000 customers, who make half of their calls outside office hours.

The other option is the "keypad" service, by which all

transactions are controlled by pressing the numbers on a telephone keypad. This is a very basic operation and you the process. NatWest's ActionLine, launched in De-cember 1989, is a 24-hour keypad operation.

However, the major player in the telephone banking in-

dustry is the Co-Operative Bank, which claims to have 750,000 customers and takes about six million calls every year. It has just opened a dale, Lancashire, to complement its existing operation in

Stockport, Cheshire. "By 2000 we expect to be receiving 12 million calls a week based on the fact that our customers are increasing by 1,000 a week," says Terry Thomas, the Co-Op's managing director. Telephone banking is the face of the future.

and it is here to stay." Other players in the market include Abbey National, which has set up a telephone service open to any of its 1.6 million customers. Barclaycall, meanwhile, is open every day of the year between 7am and 11pm on weekdays and 9am to 5pm at weekends. More than 500,000 people have signed up for Direct Banking, the Royal Bank of Scotland's telephone

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Lilley back on the lower slopes again

stantly depicted a Provençal beauty spot, the Mont Sainte-Victoire. Rarely happy with his efforts, the painter would return to the scene, again and again, to make one more artempt to get it right.

A mile away from the Tate, at the Department of Social Security in Whitehall, ministers have a mountain they wish to tackle, in the shape of the pension problem.

They are eager to ensure that the nation saves for its retirement, an entirely laudable aim. But. like Cezanne. their efforts have not always matched their aspirations. Sometimes, the results have been disastrous.

The £4 billion personal

s those visiting the Tate Gallery show can aftest. Cezanne conance companies who encouraged employees to leave company schemes for personal pensions with interior

> In an earlier government pensions initiative, five million employees, encouraged by National Insurance rebates, left the state earnings pension scheme related (Serps), also for personal pensions.

Unfortunately, about 50 per cent are making no contributions of their own. The NI rebates, meanwhile, are being eaten away by life insurers' charges.

The latest pensions big idea, as outlined this week in a speech by Peter Lilley.



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COMMENT

Secretary of State for Social Security, shows that the Government continues to believe that life companies know how to behave honourably. This is in spite of the continuing delays in payment of compensation to the victims of their

past misdemeanours. In Mr Lilley's vision, group personal pensions would cover workers at smaller companies, giving each employee

his own personal, portable fund. In his speech, however. Mr Lilley made no mention of how such pensions would be managed and invested, leaving open another glorious selling opportunity for the life

industry.

The sales talk of its representatives would drown out the voices pointing out that group personal schemes can be operated

son Wyatt, the actuary, for example, suggests that the cash could be invested in low cost index-tracker funds.

Mr Lilley is right to concern himself with the pensions cause. But, unlike Cézanne, he should not always find himself having to return to the same task. This time he should ensure that his idea is executed properly.

DIY taxmen

ine million overworked taxpayers will soon be spending even less time with their families. They will be toiling unpaid for the Inland Revenue, filling in the new selfassessment tax refurits. which run from 62 to 130

pages. If they were to charge the Revenue for their labour, the total bill would amount to £1 billion a year, according to Martin Benson of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant.

Under the self-assessment reforms due to take effect in April, higher-rate taxpayers and the self-employed will be required to calculate their own tax liability. The Revenue will, if necessary, calculate the final figure. But the responsibility for understanding the forms and the law will still lie with the unfortunate taxpayer. This crucial point is not made clear in the Revenue's inane self-assessment

promotional campaign. The whole scheme may be a money-saver for the Revenue but is a serious threat to the enterprise culture.

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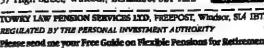
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Handouts all round in bid to gain loyalty

The Britannia has finally revealed details of its cash payment loyalty scheme for members, nearly eight months after first suggesting the plan. Qualifying members can expect to recieve £10 to £500 a year, starting in

After speculating about what they would receive from the scheme, which was shrouded in secrecy for many months, members are unlikely to be ecstatic about the Britannia's predictions of average £40 payments in the first year.

In the wake of the recent wave of mergers and converstions in the industry. and the large one-off payments received by hundreds of thousands of building society members, those societies intent on maintaining their mutuality have been forced to pass part of their profits on to members. Rob Thomas, building societies analyst at UBS, believes societies could part with two-thirds of their profits without harming their business.

The Britannia is the first society to announce a cashbased plan. To compete with the societies that are rewarding customers with reduced mortgage rates, the Britannia is cutting its variable rate by 0.25 percentage points for anyone who has held a mortgage for five years or more. The dis-

count will start on April 1. The society is using a points method to calculate how much members will get. To earn points, borrowers must make monthly residential mortgage navments of at least £50; savers must have at least £500 in a Britannia investment account. Savers and borrowers must also have been members of the society for at least one year. Savers will get one point per

Karen Zagor

on the rewards for staying at

one society

£100 invested, to a maximum of £20,000. Borrowers will get one point per El paid each month, to a maximum of £500. Pep. pension and general insurance customers will receive a flat 50 points. Members will get at least £10 and no more than £500. Deposit and current account holders will get nothing. Members who joined after December 31 last year will not qualify for a bonus in

the first year of the scheme. Members will also be rewarded for longevity. Those of five to nine years standing will have their points multiplied by 1.5; from the tenth year, points will be doubled.

oints start accruing this year and the first payments will be in early 1997. The amount to be distributed will depend on the society's profits. The Britannia will announce a value per point at the end of each year.

The National & Provincial was the first to announce a membership loyalty scheme. touting the benefits of mutuality, shortly before the society was snapped up by the Abbey

National bank. In November, the Yorkshire said it would lift its minimum to 2.75 per cent. Its mortgage rate was first cut from 7.99 per cent to 7.84, and then to 7.39 per cent. The Yorkshire also undated the rates on its obsolete accounts. In the same

month. Northern Rock cut 0.25 percentage points from its variable lending rate to apply after seven years. It also consolidated savings accounts, eliminating obsolete accounts. A second phase of benefits will be introduced in April.

Bradford & Bingley followed in January with plans to cut standard variable rates by 0.25 percentage points to 7.24 per cent from March I. The gap between saving and borrowing rates will narrow, with savers receiving, on average, rates that are 0.25 percentage points better than those of

The Nationwide has said it will unveil its plans to reward long-term savers and borrowers in April.

The Skipton has not announced a loyalty incentive scheme as such. Instead, it is narrowing the gap between the interest rates for savers and borrowers. It has also brought in free unemployment insurance for all borrowers.

Mr Thomas of UBS believes that every society except the Birmingham Midshires will come out with some form of reward scheme. "I expect the Nationwide will opt for a scheme which reduces mortgage rates. If there's one thing that will hurt the ples hard it is a cut in mortgage rates because that is very hard to

compete with," he said. In one of the more peculiar moves, Alliance & Leicester. which is in the throes of converting to a bank, has said it will announce a scheme to ers at the end of March. Details are not yet available but borrowers will be among those who benefit.

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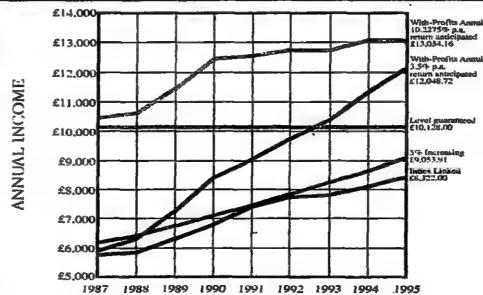


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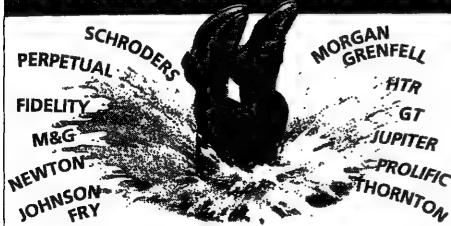
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to trade from home. However, the UK lags the US in infor-mation available electronically to private investors.

Investors interested in US stocks or bonds have access to a wealth of information, with real-time quotes at sites on the World Wide Web, including

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or can be reached via Quote.Com (http://www.quote.com), while Value Line's quarterly analysts' reports are available through Yahool (http://www.yahoo

.com) offers news from Reuters. and there is special software to help with technical analysis, such as MarketArts's Windows on Wall Street and Equis International's MetaStock

Most of these sources are available to UK investors interested in the US, but information on UK markets is harder to find. If there are Web sites dedicated to UK equities, they are too obscure for the ordinary computer buff to find. On the software front, Windowline, the retailer, says there is "nothing available off the shelf" to aid analysis.

vestors, however, are not as Net and the PIN makes the bleak as they might seem. service totally secure.". says: "Before we launch any

424282) software can now be ordered by telephone. A feed service, such as that offered by New Prestel (0171 591-9000). can pipe up-to-date equity and gilt prices into your pc. to be used with the software. Prestel's CitiFeed daily price service is free, while its CitiService Premium real-time prices service costs £299.99

ESI (http://www.esi.co.uk) also has a real-time share price service for £19.90 a month, plus VAT. Its less expensive option gives eight updates a day of the FT-SE 100 index and 300 individual stocks. Charges are £100 to join and £10 plus VAT a month. It also offers price histories and comparisons and a tool that automatically revalues your portfolio as prices move.

ESI Service is linked to ShareLink's MarketMaster service. Investors can buy and sell shares, gilts and unit trusts electronically once they have set up a ShareLink MarketMaster account. Shares are bought and sold electronically, using a PIN number to verify the deal. Payment is by cheque or over the phone by debit card. Emma Kane, of ShareLink, says: "No money goes on to the

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Compuserve offers a number of facilities including newswires and a dippings service that investors can customise to pull out stories from various sources. Users can get financial newsletters. investment and analysis re-

ports online. They also have

Internet access.

ompuServe does have a stock quote service, but, ✓ at present, prices are 24 hours old. Jodi Turner, CompuServe content development group manager, says: "In the US, you can get real-time quotes on CompuServe for the whole market. In Germany it's a 12 hour delay." CompuServe does not know when it will have more up-to-date share prices for UK subscribers, but expects to offer 24-hour sharedealing by the second

quarter of this year. Trevor Neil, who runs the UK MetaStock User Group (01892, 863476), says: Things are just starting to change in the UK. Until the end of last year, you had to pay quite a lot for data. Now prices are starting to come down."

The strict UK regulatory environment is one reason there is less accessible information here than in the US. CompuServe's Mis Turner has one

sure they comply with regula-tions. Rules in the US are less financial advertisement."

In constrast, the US regulators are now online. The Securities and Exchange Commission, the financial watchdog, has its own Web site (http://www.sec.gov) which offers daily newsletters. speeches, annual reports. proxy registration statements and tender offer filings.

investment houses, however, are not exactly leaping at the opportunity to disseminate research through the Net. One of the bigger houses said: "We have been looking at a number of ways of spreading information on the Net, but people feel that if everyone can get it electronically then why should

our customers pay." This may be why Barclays Stockbrokers (http://www. Barclays.co.uk) offers a good range of general information on different financial vehicles on its Internet site; but gives stock opinions only on its phone service.

Philip Bungey of Barclays Stockbrokers says: "Security is still our greatest fear. But we are looking very seriously at what to do with the Net in the future. We want to give investors enough information to make the right decisions."

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Access: There are two ways on to the Net. The easiest is to subscribe to an online information service, which will have its own electronic information sources, as well as providing access to the Net. If you are computer illiterate, seek a provider with good customer

support. Outlits such as CompuServe, essentially hold your hand as you negotiate the information highway.

Remember that you pay for every phone call that gets you online, so make sure there is a local access number, or your phone bills will leap. Subscription costs are. coming down as competition increases, but the charging structure varies enormously between different providers. Among the better online servers are UK Online, Pipex and CompuServe. America On-Line is coming to Britain later this year.

If you are reasonably computer-literate, you can invest in web-browsing software and hook up through one of the direct Net servers, such as Demon. You will not get any of the little extras to make your electronic life more comfortable, but you will pay far less. This is the best option for anyone planning to spend hours on end surfing the Net. All

access providers will give you the basics: are designed for techno-phobes and will an electronic identification, a password and mail box (for e-mail).

> Software: To surf the Net without a doctorate in computer sciences, you need special software. Netscape has dominated the field with its Navigator software, but Microsoft is challenging with Internet Explorer. Both are very easy to use. If you belong to Compu-Serve or other online groups, you may be able to download the software directly.

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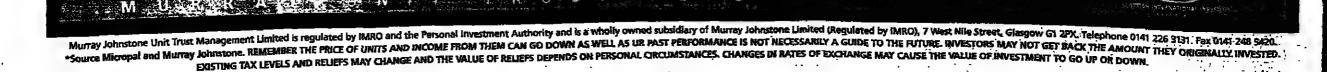
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las, poor Sid. British Gas, the company which once welcomed the archetypal small share-holder with open arms, has now turned distinctly chilly.

When Richard Giordano, the chairman of British Gas, unveiled the company's plans to split up into two constituent parts — British Gas Energy and Transco International - he also announced that it would be inappropriate for the demerged, smaller gas supply company to have a share register of 1.8 million names. Private shareholders now

hold about 15 per cent of the shares in British Gas, down from the 62 per cent peak when the company was privatised in 1986. Many investors have sold their gas shares on the back of the company's dismal performance - the shares have fallen from more than 300p a year ago to their current price of about 243p. Mr Giordano intends to

shrink the BGE share regis-ter by making it easy for Sid to sell. One option being considered by British Gas is to allow private shareholders to sell their new, free shares in BGE on a no-fee basis or with a very low commission. The company broker would then sell the shares to institutional

British Gas is not the only company to have recently announced plans to demerge. Hanson, another favourite with the small shareholder because of its high yield, is also planning to split into four companies by the end of this year.

The companies will comprise Hanson's energy interesis, its tobacco company, Imperial Tobacco, its chemical division and its building materials interests.

Many analysts believe that the trend for conglomerates to demerge will contin-ue. Others that could follow are BTR and BAT. For private investors and

their stockbrokers, though demergers are something of a nightmare, especially if the shares are held through a

single company Pep. Here, Weekend Money

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tions about what action private investors should consider if a company in which they hold shares announces plans to demerge.

Is it necessary to sell the Shares, as Mr Giordano is suggesting small share-bolders should do?

A demerged, private inves-tors are simply issued shares in the unbundled companies. Hanson shareholders: for instance, will be allocated four sets of shares in four different companies, rather than just holding Hanson shares. British Gas shareholders will hold shares in Transco and BGE. It is not necessary to sell either

What are the problems for small shareholders with demerged companies?

If you are a small investor with, for example, a E1.000 holding of Hanson shares, after the demerger you will end up holding shares in four companies worth £1,000 in total. Dealing in shareholdings of this size can prove very expensive. Increasing the number of companies also increases the number of dividends which need to be collected. Some stockbrokers charge a dividend collection ice, and quadrupling the number of companies increases the costs considerably.

What do stockbrokers Q advise small sharehold-

Your broker may advise A you to sell off one holdand increase the shareholding in the remaining company. Which shares to sell and which to keep depends on demerged companies are

going to perform. Under the Hanson demerger, for instance, it is unclear how the group's £4.7 billion debt is going to treated, and which company it may fall on. Until this is made clear, investors will not be able decide which demerged company shares to sell, if any, and

which to hold onto.

Similarly, demerging British Gas turns a poor-performing high-dividend stock into with very different characteristics from the shares sold to the public 10 years ago. One of the companies, BGE, has the potential for good capital growth, although it pays no dividend and could be volatile. The other, Transco, will be more of a dividend generating

What happens if the original share is held in a single company Pep?

A It is impossible to hold the shares of more than one company in a single

that investors must decide which share to allocate to their Pep before the demerger goes

The shares that are "dematerialised" from the Pep become liable for capital gains tax and for income tax from the moment of demerger. The choice of share to keep

in the Pep depends on how the pected to perform after demerger. It may be worth Pepping a high dividend-paying share in favour of one which has potential for capital growth because individuals can make £6,000 a year in capital gains free of tax.

Anyone who holds a single company Pep in Hanson shares may be limited on which of the companies' shares they can hold in a Pep after the demerger. At least one of the companies, possibly two, are going to be American and, therefore, outside the rules on single company Peps.

Is it necessary to take any action now?

A Brokers say that private investors should hold on to their shares and see what happens. In the case of Hanson, other companies have already been reported to be interested in taking over parts of the demerged conglomerate, an action which would considerably boost the share

Break-up sparked by contract losses

THE splitting in two of British Gas is an attempt to resolve the problem of a huge liability facing the group in the shape of the loss-making take-or-pay contracts with North Sea gas producers. These were entered into by British Gas in the late Eighties and early Nineties, when it still had a

As the gas market began to be opened up to competition, under the influence of Sir James McKinnon of Ofgas, the gas regulator, BG left with more gas than it could sell - unwanted, expensive fuel for which it must pay. The average contract price is around 20p per therm. The current spot price is around 10p.

British Gas aims to ring-fence these contracts

assume liability for the contracts and for any provisions arising from their renegotia-tion. BGE will also be charged with the supply of gas to homes and

As a consolation prize, it will be given the £2.5 billion of assets of the Morecambe gasfield in the Irish Sea. Morecambe is capable of providing no less than 15 per cent of peak daily gas demand.

TransCo International will take on British Gas's debt but will have assets of about EIS billion, against about £2.6 billion for BGE. TransCo will have responsibility for exploration and for the gas pipeline network.

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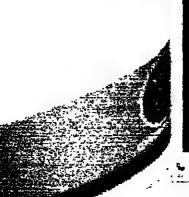
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For savers seeking the best rates of interest, postal accounts are always good buys. At present, 18 of 90 building societies offer postal accounts. On average, postal accounts provide L5 per cent higher interest than their branchbased alternatives, which explains why they fast become oversubscribed.

Donna O'Shea. of Chase De Vere, the independent financial adviser, picks West Bromwich Direct, launched last week. It offers 6 per cent interest on a minimum deposit of £2,000 and an additional 2 per cent bonus until April 30. Mrs O'Shea also recommends Northern Rock's 120 Day account at 7.2 per cent on a minimum deposit of £25,000, but says the notice is a

"bit steep" at 120 days. Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain De Broc, another independent adviser, recommends sticking with household names such as Northern Rock and Bradford & Bingley.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Government-backed National Savings offer a safe home and a good return. The recent fall in interest rates offered by banks, building societies and insurance companies, pushed the Treasury into cutting rates on National Savings too. However, Mr Bolland says that they still represent good

National Savings has a variety of accounts.

The age for holding Pensioners Bonds has dropped to 60. In December alone, the can be reinvested. Fixed rate bonds brought in £423 million. National Savings Certificates 60. In December alone, the The minimum investment is are also guaranteed if held for £500, and the maximum five years and pay 5.35 per cent turn of at least 17 per cent; plus outlay. If it falls, you will inum investment is £3,000.

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Guaranteed bonds are proving popular at the moment. The guarantee can be a rate of interest or a rate of growth over a fixed period. A popular version pays you a certain rate of interest over live years and guarantees to refund capital if the FTSE-100 index grows by a

certain amount. Sun Alliance's Rose Bond,

the equivalent of the growth in

With income bonds, you receive a relatively high rate of income, but you may not get back all your capital. For example, NatWest this month launches its High Income Bond, which provides a fixed monthly income of a per cent a year and the "prospect" of a

a-half-year term. The exact amount of capital payable at the end of the term is linked to the performance of the PISEinitial investment with a re- to 105 per cent of the initial or growth option. The mini-

receive at-least SS per cent of your original investment. As with most bonds, the rise

or fall of the FTSE-100 is based on the average daily value of the index over the past 12 months of the policy.

NatWest says the High Income Bond complements its Guaranteed Growth Plus Bond, which provides investors seeking capital growth rather than income, with a return of between 125 and 170 per cent of your original investment over five-and-ahalf years depending on the performance of the FISE-100. Both bonds have a minimum

investment of £5,000. Guaranteed growth and income bonds are not perfect. You may not earn the full value of any market rise. In addition, bonds do not pay the underlying share dividends, which do much to boost the returns of a unit trust.

They are inflexible, so if you need your capital, or the market falls, you can surrender your policy only at a harsh penalty. The return from bonds at the end of their term is paid after deduction of basic rate income tax, which cannot be reclaimed by non-taxpayers. Higher-rate taxpayers face an extra tax charge.

But fund managers are realising that the promise of any measure of return is tempting for investors. Foreign & Colonial has launched a new growth unit trust, the Target Index Fund. It aims to offer a return equivalent to either the capital growth in the FTSE-100 index, or the increase in the Retail Price Index, whichever is the greater after six years.

F&C says that since the FTSE-100 and the RPI have schieved capital growth under different economic and political conditions, the fund effectively offers a hedge against politica uncertainty. Tracker funds have been popular because investors believe there is less risk. But the performance of tracker funds is not

guaranteed. For guarantees, you have to look elsewhere. The latest issue return of the original invest— of Johnson, Frys Secured Corment at the end of the five and porate Bond PEP pays a fixed porate Bond PEP pays a fixed and tax-free return of 6.3 per cent a year. The return is lower because of the guarantee. Capi-

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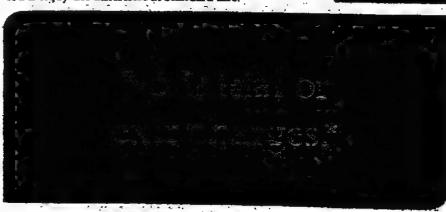
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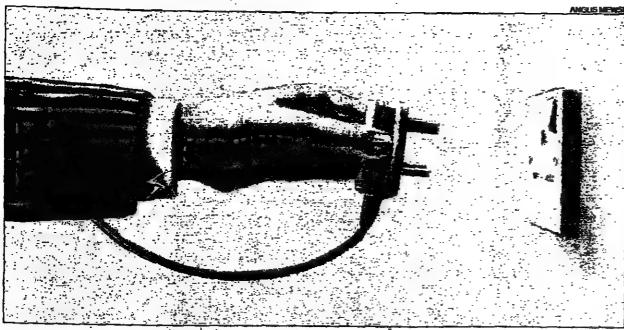
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On the trail of the shrinking Grid

Karen Zagor cuts through the confusion

over trading in shares of the National Grid

National Grid have been trading for nearly two months, confusion is rife among the shareholders of regional electricity companies (Recs) who received Grid shares as part of the flotation.

Until December, the Grid was owned by the 12 Recs, which had been privatised in 1990. As part of the divestment process, eight Recs have distributed new Grid shares to existing shareholders.

Unfortunately for private shareholders, the distribution was not a simple process; each Rec distributed a different proportion of Grid shares and the sector was hit by a flurry of takeovers at the time of the Grid flotation. At the same time, several Recs consolidated their shares or announced. stock solits, further muddying the waters for shareholders trying to measure their holdings. As Shiraz Allidina, UBS utilities analyst, said: "One hundred shares then would not be 100 shares now."

Unfortunately, companies do not always explain their manoeuvres to shareholders. Francis Cummins, a reader from Basinestoke, received little enlightenment from Southern Electric when he rang its helpline. "The share helpline he said. "I was particularly. Shareholders should have 80.9 every 100 old Yorkshire shares per cent.

interested in why my shares had fallen from 150 to 139. I feel that I've lost a valuable

in theory, shareholders should not have lost out. London Electricity, which paid shareholders a special dividend when it consolidated its. shares on January 17, said: The combination of the dividend and new shares should be equivalent to a sharehold-er's old stake, but obviously that fluctuates because the price of shares fluctuates." So what should you be left

with if you were a Rec share-

holder with 100 shares at the

time of the Grid flotation? .

EAST MIDIANDS Shareholders should have received 71.3 Grid shares for

every East Midlands share. held at the time of flotation. LONDON

Shareholders should have received 85.28 Grid shares for every 100 old London Electricity shares. Their London Electricity stake will also have changed. Investors with 100 old shages should have had a special dividend payment of £100 (£1 per share) plus 85 new London Electricity shares (six new for seven old).

Grid shares for every 100 shares held in December. The company has since had a 2-for-I stock split, so holders of 100 old Midlands shares should have 200 new shares.

NORTHERN Shareholders should have received 107 Grid shares for

every 100 Northern shares. SEEROARD Shareholders should have had

48 Grid shares for every 100 Seeboard shares. SOUTHERN

Shareholders should have had 66 Grid shares for every 100 old Southern shares. The distribution was made in January. After consolidation, they should have received £50 for every 100 old Southern shares (50p per share). They should now hold 93 new shares for every 100 old.

SOUTH WALES Shareholders should have 91.28 Grid shares for every 100 shares held in December.

YORKSHIRE Shareholders should have

75.66 Grid shares for every 100 old Yorkshire shares. After consolidation, shareholders should have received £100 in

(£1 per share) and should now hold 83 new Yorkshire shares (five new for six old). -

NON-DISTRIBUTORS Norweb, Manweb, Eastern and South Western have not distributed their Grid hold-

ings to shareholders. CONSOLIDATION

Norweb has been taken over by North West Water, Eastern was acquired by Hanson, Manweb was taken over by Scottish Power, Swalec by Welsh Water, South Western by Southern of the US and Seeboard by Central and South West. PowerGen's bid for Midlands Electricity and National Power's for Southern Electricity are being investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

NATIONAL GRID National Grid shares opened at 208p per share on December 11. At mid-session yesterday they were 1942 p.

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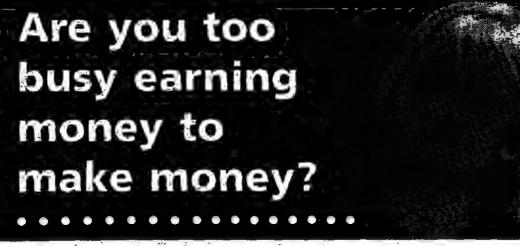


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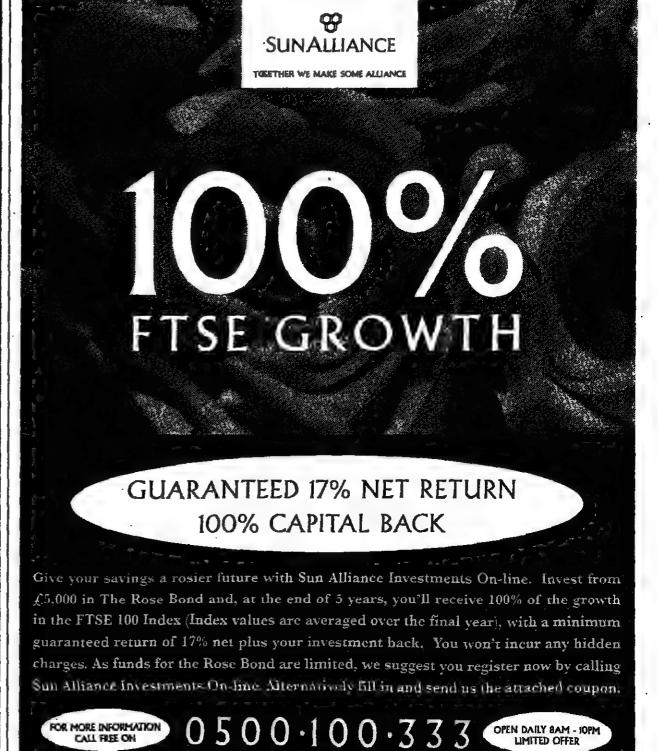
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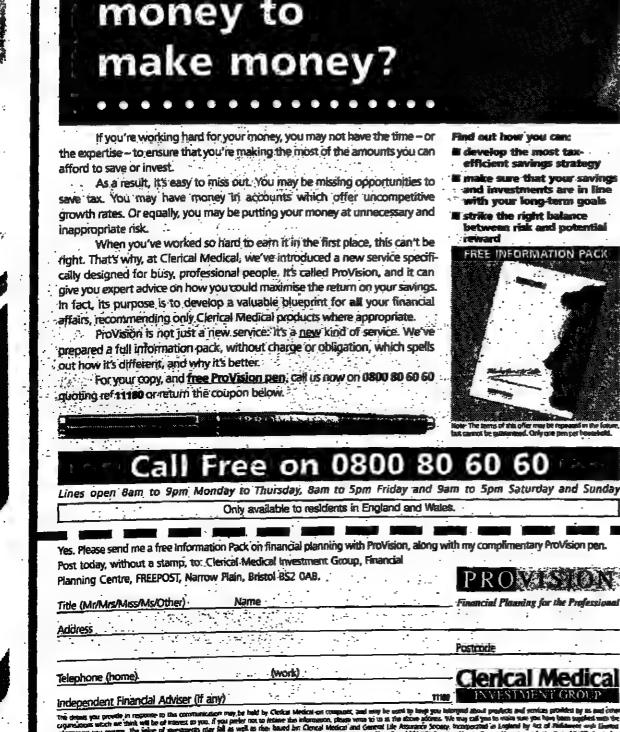


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Just as millions of hopefuls put £100 in a share account in each of the larger building societies, anticipating a payout of cash or shares when they merged or became ples instead of being mutuals owned by their members, so sophisticatto the life offices. At stake are the potential

sweeteners which policyholders could be paid if and when mutuals change status. So great is the perceived interest in stocking up on second-hand life and endowment policies that a new investment trust is being launched next week to invest exclusively in such products.

Run by Scottish Value Managers — the Edinburgh invest-ment company in partnership with Beale Dobie, traders in second-hand life and endowment policies - the Life Offices Opportunity Trust is being



Top of the list Clerical and Medical has invited bids from potential purchasers

marketed mainly to institu-tional investors. Its shares will be available to private individ-

uals via brokers. Colin McLean, manag director of Scottish Value Managers, said the trust places an emphasis on policies in companies which could benefit from restructuring".

He added: This does not just

mean demutualising, which

ment arms or cost-cutting

measures," he said. Bonuses may be bigger or smaller than those which building societies have been paying out, but they are likely

designed as a long-term inmake a return of 9-12 per cent.

One analyst gave warning, however, that investors should look carefully at the costs of: the Life Offices Trust before buying in. "If you think a

not just buy a second-hand policy yourself instead of pay-ing an annual management charge? he said. "Kleinwort Benson and BZW already run such trusts which have only

just kept pace with the FTSE-100 index." Meanwhile Beale Dobie has seen a huge increase in demand for second-hand policies in mutuals ever since Norwich Union signalled it. was interested in becoming a

listed company. Top of the shopping list is Clerical Medical, the mutual life insurer which has invited bids from potential purchasers: Friends Provident, NPI and Scottish Provident. In addition, analysis say Scottish Life, Scottish Widows, Scottish Amicable and Standard Life all might change their status.
If a mutual converts or

merges, will your life or en-downent policy be safe? Mike Wadsworth, of the actuaries Watson Wyati, believes it will,

There may be a sweetener if the mutual converts, but I would not expect it to be more might involve the company when the policy eventually than a bonus of a few percent-paying out special bonuses, matures." age points on the total fund but also the floration of invest. Mr McLean says the trust is return. he said. "Overall, age points on the total fund return. he said. Overall, costs are likely to be lower, vestment, which is expected to . and if the fund is part of a Jarger company it will be more financially secure."

However, he added that some companies may close anexisting fund for new business, with little incentive to achieve

Are you covered for the perfect replacement? policyholder. The agreement is a valuable contract for Goldsmiths, a deals with jewellers in their already replaced by Miller Brothers neighbourhoods. The company felf and Scottish Power, and DIY, garden that the Goldsmiths link would also and power tools by Buck & Hickman. Par has the motor recovery

tents cover. Now the decision should also be governed by taste - do you like the goods offered by the retailer which will supply the replacements for your cherished valuables?

Norwich Union this week signed a contract linking itself with the Goldsmiths Group — a jewellery chain which already has a similar link with Direct Line. When Norwich Union policyholders lose, damage or have their jewellery or watches stolen. Goldsmiths - which describes itself as a catering for the "upper/middle It is claimed that everyone stands

to benefit from the deal, including the

£56,000 worth of replacements for Norwich Union in a single month. Norwich Union obtains a signifi-

cant discount, keeping down its costs - a piece of news that should be welcome to potential shareholders. Norwich Union, currently a mutual business owned by its policyholders. has announced its intention to seek a stock market flotation next year. The company said that its ability to

negotiate a 20 per cent discount had prompted the move to link with planned swelling the list of Norwich Goldsmiths. Previously, local Union approved suppliers Brown

provide invoices to make claims. In areas the appointed suppliers do not cover. Norwich Union will link-up with a local provider.

Norwich Union is also anxious to deter trandulent chams, which usually involve a preference for each ratherthan replacement. However, a company spokesman said that policy as would not be forced to take Goldsmiths goods.
Other similar contracts are now

and the RAC has the motor recovery

This type of deal looks set to become more common. Connections the direct insurance subsidiary of Sur Alliance, has informal links with, among others, the Signet jewellery chain, owner of H Samuel

and Halfords für bicyclesi.

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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

State pension can leave you with the birthday blues

From Mr I.M. Baird Sir. You may have thought that all men who paid Class J ational Insurance contributions during their working life qualified for a state pension on their 65th birthday. But you would have been mistaken.

Due to an unforescen miscalculation by my late mother 65 years ago, my 65th birthday fell on Tuesday, January 9, 1996. This meant that my entitlement to a state pension did not begin until Monday, January 15, 1996. Apparently, the latest regulations say that unless your 65th birthday falls on a Monday the pension does not begin until the first Monday

Is this due to government penny-pinching at the expense of pensioners, or has some mandarin in Whitehall declared it too inconvenient to press a few buttons on a computer to pay pensioners their rightful entitlement? It is manifestly unjust that despite having paid the same

contributions, one man con lose almost a week's pension compared with others whose 65th birthday falls on a Monday. The same anomaly applies to women

agreed to accept the variable

rate of interest current at that

particular time — and I know

that in every case the society

concerned has honoured that

agreement. Conditions con-

Cerning merger bonuses, etc.

never ever arose, and the old

saying, "what you've never

had, you'll never miss".

springs to mind. I consider it

little more than sour grapes

that has occasioned this

present bout of whingeing and

members. Nevertheless, if it is

the will of the members to change, then the distribution

must be fair. If necessary, the

Building Societies Commission should be empowered to

The fairest way would be for

the society to pay out to both borrowers and investing

members on a formula based

on the product of duration and

amount of investment or loan.

This is a rough approximation

of the contribution a member

has made to that surplus, and

it would avoid completely the

necessity for artificial cut-off

Societies giving shares

appear to be moving some

way in this direction. The C&G offer was, of course, at

the other end of the spectrum:

as unfair as it was possible to be, excluding not only all

borrowers but also many de-

Needless to say, I shat

move my own mortgage - as

soon as I can without penalty - from the C&G to a sound

mutual society, and I do not

think I will be alone. Yours sincerely

Dry Leys. Frilford.

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serving long-term investors.

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speculators.

Large surplus is not mutually beneficial

Yours faithfully,

237 Victoria Drive,

DEREK N. LINCOLN,

It is not hard to imagine the reaction of Parliament or fi-

Surprised by 'whingeing' society investors

From Mr D. N. Lincoln Sir. I am a little surprised at the recent spate of letters from building society investors who claim to have received a raw deal because they will not qualify for merger or bank unversion bonuses.

As a self-confessed "carpetbagger" who keeps abreast of the financial press, I cannot understand how any informed investor can knowingly reduce their balance to below £100 in the financial climate of the last 12 months and then complain that they expect perks or bonuses.

At the time of opening their building society account they

Sir. The creation of a sub-

stantial surplus in a mutual building society is a result of

poor, rather than good,

Keeping expenses low is

important, and a society has

a duty to keep a prudent

reserve, but the only way in

which large surpluses can be built up is by borrowers

paying too much and savers

This at last seems to be

recognised by the Bradford

and Bingley, who will be

returning some of this sur-

plus to all participating

larger societies have been

the interests of their

members. The achievement of a substantial surplus

makes the society attractive

to other financial institutions and gives added value to

shares in a floated company.

It can also buy the votes of

sufficient members to

While some may

selectively reap considerable

benefits from the change, it is

clearly not in the long-term

interest of all of a society's

members, and even these

benefits pale in comparison

to those won by the key board

achieve the board's aim.

It is not at all clear that the

getting too small a return.

From Mr A. Verdin

management.

swindle. Yours sincerely IAN M. BAIRD, 6 Park Lane. Haddington.

5 Rh don't like Mondays 5

From Mr N. McDonald Sir. Our post yesterday contained two letters from our two bankers, noting audit fee charges for necessary information requested by our accountants for our annual audit. Girobank very apologetically explained that they will have to charge £20 plus VAT, which will be taken along with next month's bank charges. National Westminster, stated on a standard form that they had debited our account with £32.31. Yours sincerely.
NEIL McDONALD. McDonald Fishselling Ltd. 7 Beeching Park Estate.

nancial editors if private pension schemes adopted this

It's not what you do, it's the way you do it

Wainwright Road,



Take more interest in card rules

WHEN Frank Jones received his Marks & Spencer chargecard statement, the interest charges stood out. A few days late with payment for his last statement of £14.32, he expected interest of no more than a few pence. Instead, he was asked to pay £5.32

"I was being charged inter est on all the purchases I had made over Christmas, even though the statement for those purchases is not due until the end of January." says Mr Jones, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.
Della Critchley of M&S

says: "Our booklet explaining the chargecard clearly states that interest will be charged ance. That includes any purchases appearing on the current statement where a balance is brought forward from the previous statement. But we try to be reasonable if a customer has made a mistake or not realised the rules." Indeed, Mr Jones turned

M&S accepts that it is the first time he has missed payment, and has dropped the interest. The Credit Card Research Group says all credit cards work on the same principle as M&S. Most credit cards give you an interest-free period if you settle the balance on your statement in full. Save & Prosper and Royal Bank of Scotland have credit cards without an interest-free per-

out to be a winner, because

iod, but they carry a low rate

SARAH JONES

CGT ALLOWANCES DECEMBER 1995

Bexhill-on-Sea,

purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
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February	-	0.816	0.728	0.639	0.560	0.501	0,453
Murch	0.897	0.813	0.723	0.624	0.558	0.498	0.448
April	0.860	0.788	0.700	0.500	0.543	0.480	0,424
May	0.848	0.781	0.694	0.583	0.540	0.479	0,419
Jkine	0.841	0.776	0.689	0.579	0.541	0.479	0.414
July	0.841	0.767	0.691	0.582	0.545	0,480	0.412
August	0.840	0.750	0.678	0.578	0.541	0,478	.0.397
September							0.390
Octobiu	0.832	0.745	0.662	0.577	0.531	0.465	0.376
November	0.823	0.739	0.657	0.571	0.518	0.457	0.370
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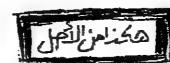
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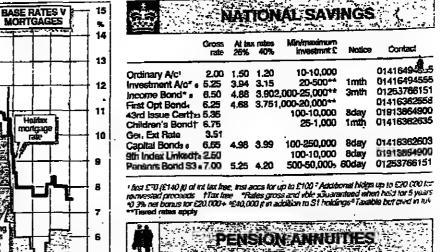
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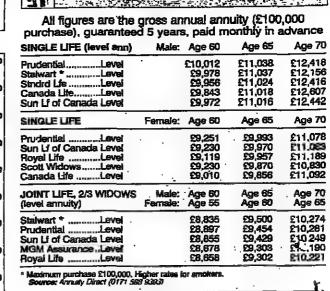
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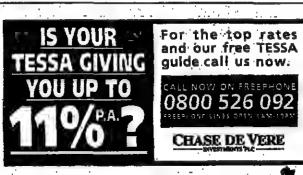
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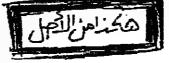
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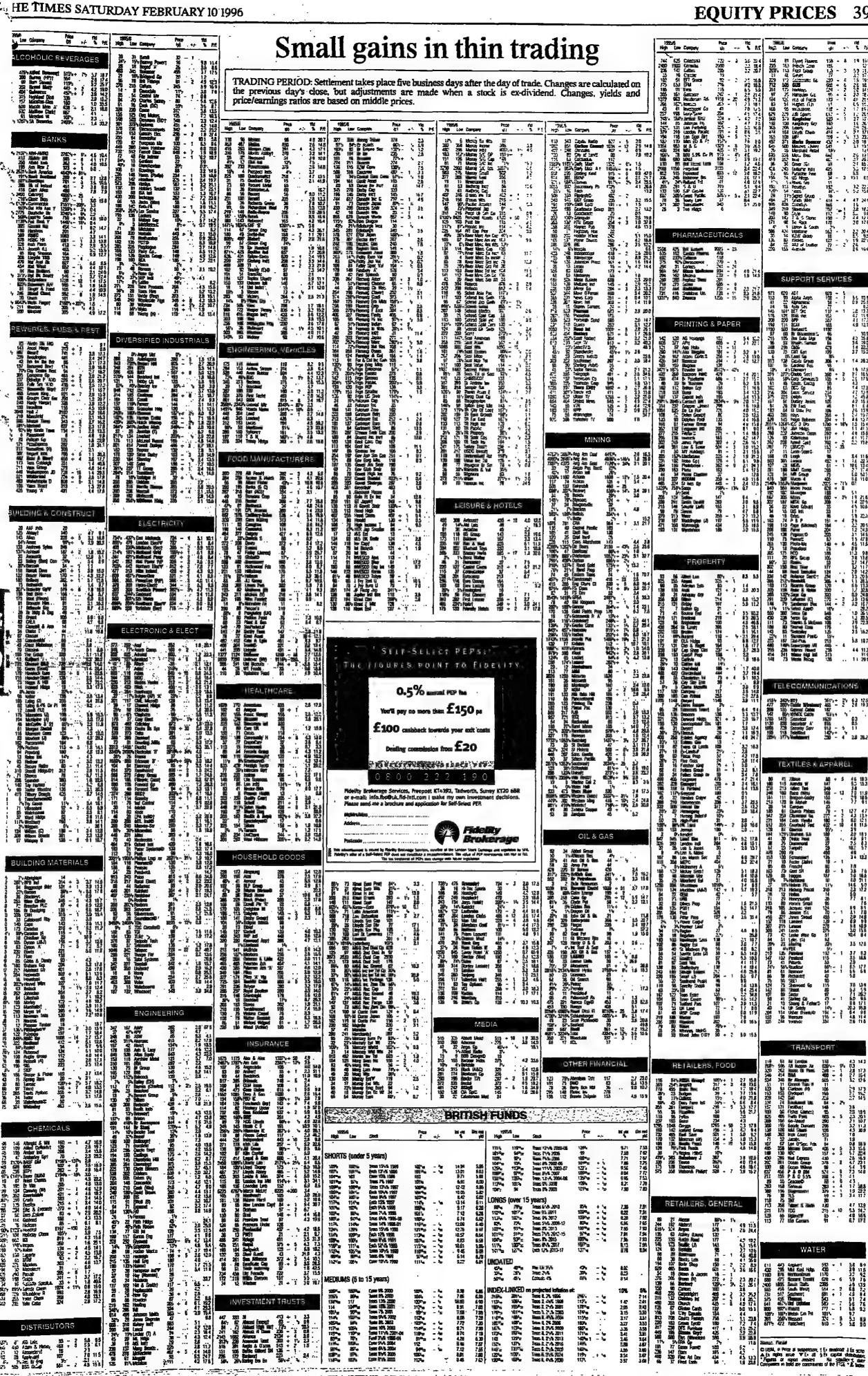
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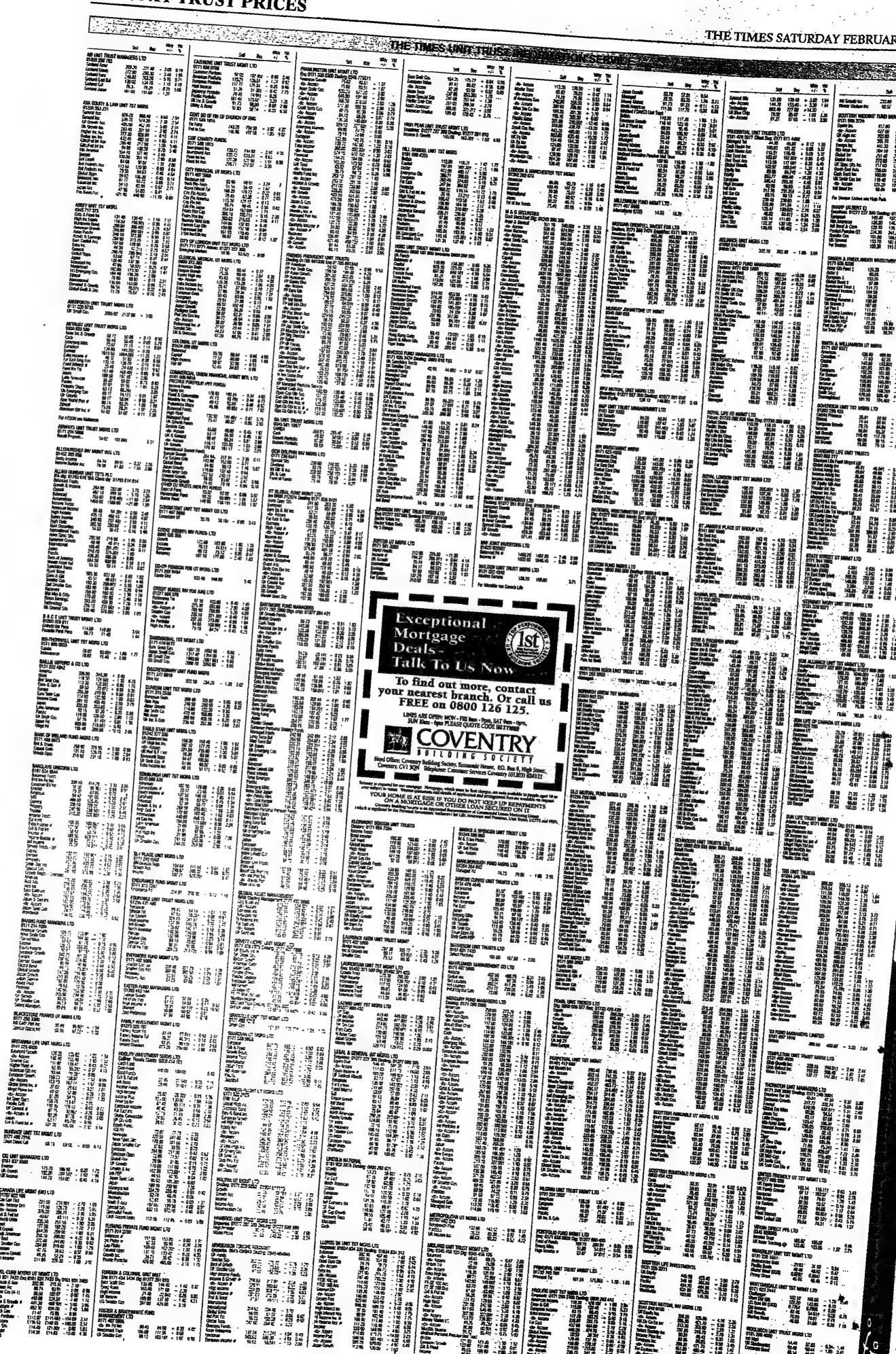
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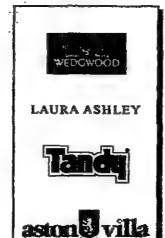
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Saturday portrait: Zola Pieterse, by Rob Hughes

Budd blossoms with rebirth of a career pursued by protest

body, the runner's machine, or the cry of a baby will stop Zola Pieterse from taking a significant stride today towards a third Olympic Games appearance. She is scheduled to run in the cross-country trials for South Africa, intent on making the team for the world championships in Stellenbosch on March 23. After that, the Olympic trials in April and the decision of whether to go for the 5,000 or 10,000 metres in Atlanta this summer or, instead, come back for Sydney in the year 2000, when she will be 34.

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The most reassuring surprise about Pieterse, the former Zola Budd, is the smile it is mature, maternal, positive . . . far, far away from the 17-year-old who, under a flag of convenience, arrived in England from the apartheid-isolated South Africa a dozen years ago and, bewildered by the culture shock, peered through her glasses at the assembled press and antiapartheid demonstrators, for all the world a cornered and frightened fawn.

One thing that Pieterse has never lost is the intensity, the inner motivation, anger even, that drove a tiny, barefoot girl into the consciousness of the world when, early in 1984, she became the fastest woman over 5,000 metres but could not have her time ratified as a world record because white South Africans were as much the victims of apartheid as

Now, there is a greater purpose to her life — Lisa, a daughter who was born in October. After the birth, and despite the fact that Mike Pieterse, her husband, had left the family home, Pieterse believes that she gained physical

and mental strength.
"I can't explain the feeling."
Pieterse sald, "but I know that, if, you believe in something as much as I believe that I can run as fast as I ever did, then that is half the battle. I started running a week after Lisa was born; I know that, if I don't over-train, if the muscles don't rebel in any way, I have at

morning and afternoon, her moth-er will take her two-hour training run across the remote veldt around Bloemfontein, - where Pieterse is in her element.

She found as a child that she had a lightness and a fleetness that could defeat the boys, never mind the girls, on the ten-acre home-stead. Those children were black as well as white, the offspring of the servants, and so, when Pieterse arrived in England, becoming instantly the symbol of violent anti-apartheid demonstration, the ignorance of people who ran her, literally, off the course was manifest. What they wanted her to say then and what she, an immature, solemn and withdrawn teenager could not articulate, was that there is no difference under the skin, no

'I didn't even know who Nelson Mandela was until I arrived in England'

cause that justifies racial inequality . . . but she can say it now. She relishes the new South Africa and part of her desire is to get back on the rostrum, this time like Francois Pienaar, the rugby union captain, to be recognised by a whole nation. Yet if that baby should cry, if Lisa becomes unwell, she will not race. The priorities for the runner, as much as for any human being, change. Pieterse, herself, is the youngest of six children, but her birth almost killed her mother, who was given 13 pints of blood during the threeday struggle to produce the tiny.

imagine, then, the lear of Pieterse last year when her own pregnancy was diagnosed as probematical. She took six months off from running - the first time in her life that she had ever obeved least as rough in there." warnings that to run; even surrep-Yet. Lisa holds the key. That, tidously, defied nature's alarms.

I was someone born to run free," she said. "I can't honestly say that I ever ran for fun; without the goals, I don't think I would ever have run in the first place. I never knew the meaning of fun run."

Now, though, there is a total change. "I don't have the time. because of Lisa, to think about my running," she said. "I don't philosophise any more. I guess what I'm saying is that, unless me and my husband work out our differences, Lisa is the only person in the world that I have responsibility for. The whole point of motherhood is that you love someone unconditionally.

At that moment, Pieterse became more introspective, talking about the anger that is exorcised in her competitive running. When I run, it is the only time I think about things that happened, the only time I allow emotions from

The past is not just born out of the remoteness, the wild, of the isolated town of Bloemfontein. There, the girls wear flower dresses, the young congregate at cases listening to Cliff Richard and Pat Boone. Unseen by the many, however, in a late-night bar, I witnessed one young Afrikaner sell another a handgum for 800 rand (about £130). They feel, the changing South Africa, the need for protection.

The next day, a month ago, Pieterse, with shoes, won a tenkilometre race, coming in three minutes ahead of the field but two minutes slower than her best time of 32min 22sec. This, nevertheless, was remarkable timing, given that she had been back in serious preparation barely one month.

What pushes her? England does. The memory, the supressed anger, of the people who manipulated her, including her late father, who lost his daughtei's trust when he took most of the money that the Daily Mail provided to take her to England, to exclusively promote her career and to persuade the Government to push her ahead of the outue for British citizenship on the grounds that her grandfather had been a printer in Hackney.



"Yes, I was very naive of the ways of the world." she said. "In my running, I was very determined; I was a student at university, but my generation had no news from outside. I didn't even know who Nelson Mandela was until I arrived in England. That couldn't happen today because we can switch on Sky News, BBC News - and there will be no going back, no censorship for our

What, in retrospect, shocks and hurts is that nobody tried to explain to her what kind of a pawn she was perceived as. She felt still feels - that she was a closed book to them and that any lingering ill feelings that she has about their behaviour is best channelled into her running.

"Even today, I probably trust animals more than I do neonle. she said. Her two dogs travel in course, with Lisa. She would trust. she said, her mother with money or anything else. Her father, if he were alive? No answer - Pieterse saying only through measured silence the pain of her inner

That pain has always been concentrated in the death of her sister. Jennith, a nursing sister !! years her senior, who died after an operation when Pieterse was 14. "That changed everything," she said. "I changed my school, my coach. I started to run seriously. aggressively."

Motivation now is not anger and loneliness — Lisa ensures that yet while there is, as yet, no sponsor, nobody to push or prod or even guide, there is a runner whose opponents believe will re-turn at least as strong as before. The new Pieterse is ready for the new South Africa ... if only baby Lisa will stay well and silent.

Hansen prepares to emerge from shadow of Edwards

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

SPECTATORS at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham today are advised to expect a British record in the triple jump, perhaps even a world record. They should not, however, expect to see Jonathan Edwards.

This time, the stage is set for Britain's other potential Olympic medal-winner in the discipline Ashia Hansen takes on Inessa Kravets, the womens' world record-holder, confident that her own British record will fall, while those in the camp of Iva Prandzheva. the world championship runner-up, have been asking what bonus will be paid if the world mark is beaten.

The trio is assembled for the British leg of the Ricoh Tour, the indoor equivalent of the Golden Four summer grand rix. The women's triple jump is one of six events chosen for the tour this winter and Hansen is ready for a share of the spotlight with the big names on view, such as Sally Gunnell, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Maria Mutola and Moses Kintanui.

Hansen has never beaten Kravets, who broke the record

Kazakhstan folk song-

onships in Gothenburg last summer, but is confident she can today. "She has got to the stage where she believes in herself." Frank Attoh, her

coach said Hansen's self-belief has been balstered by three weeks. in South Africa whereshe not only jumped to within two centimetres of her British outdoor record but also managed to wine away some of the mystique surrounding her strongest competitors. She watched Anna Birvu-

kova, the European champion, in training Before, she was overawed by the name



Hansen: record attempt

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she saw the kind of training she did and Ashia trains just as hard."

Hansen's sessions include two-footed burnny jumps over 3ft 6in hurdles: sets of six. several times over, designed to improve her rebound through each phase. "She trains almost like a man." Anoh said.

"My strength is my speed and I can hop a long way."
Hansen said. The step was her weakness, but, after giving that phase attention in South Africa, "it has definitely come on". Her jumping has improved, too. In South Africa, Harisen beat her previous best long jump three times in one

The outdoor world record is 15.50 metres, the indoor mark 15.03 metres. Hansen's outdoor British record is 14.66 metres, ranking her world No 7 in 1995; her indoor record is 14.29 metres. According to Attoh, 14.66 metres "could go this weekend".

Hansen has improved with every season since Attoh began coaching her three years ago and he expects that to continue. This year he wants 14:80 metres indoors and 15 metres outdoors, which would put her in contention

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THE TENOR'S PASSION IS TOP OF THE POPS WITH MUSIC LOVERS

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Olympic women's triple jump. "I am not thinking about the Olympics, even though I should be." Hansen said. She is preoccupied, for now, with winning a medal at the European indoor championships in Stockholm nea month. None of the world top ten come from

Stockholm would underline her international credentials. An Olympic medal, though, is a must for when she returns to South Africa. Coachloads of children from Soweto and Davidsonville chanted her name when they went to see her compete after she and Attoh had been into the townships to demonstrate jump techniques. She became an

outside Europe, so a medal in

instant sporting heroine.
"It left me sad because they have no facilities and jump barefoot," Hansen said. "I will always be thinking about them. All they have got is a playing field and a cut-out pit filled with sawdust instead of

Today. Hansen returns to the comfort of sand - "the sawdust was hard" - but she will not have the chanting to should do it, though. Kravets and Prandzheva beware.

Persistent **Andries** makes his claim again

By Srikumar Sen **FOOLING CORRESPONDENT**

DENNIS ANDRIES continues to defy time. The former world light-heavyweight champion from Hackney is still trying to get back to the top and, at the age of 42, he is making a second attempt to lift the British cruiserweight championship. He meets Terry Dunstan, of Vauxball, again, at the London Arena

When the two last met, many believed Andries won. The bout was a close one and Andries thought his greater aggression swung the contest his way. The decision still rankles. He dislikes Dunstan and refers to him as "a girl". They almost came to blows at press conference recently.

While Andries, at times, looked tired and ring worn in that bout in Glasgow last May and Dunstan, being 15 years younger, should have improved enough to win clearly this time, the old man's chances should not be ruled out. He is perhaps the fittest and toughest British boxer today and it should not surprise anyone if he outlasts the

So often in his career of 63 contests, be has proved the experts wrong. He was writ-ten off in 1978 when he was beaten by Bunny Johnson in a British light-heavyweight championship at Stoke, but Andries came back and lifted the title four years later and went on to win the European

and world championships.

Dunstan is the hit-and-run type, the opposite of Andries, no does not like to take a backward step. Much will depend on who takes control first If Andries manages to land a solid blow early, Dunstan could iose heart; after all, he has had only 11 contests against ordinary opposition, while Andries has met some of the toughest in the game, including Thomas Hearns and Jeff Harding. However, if Dunstan, who is 6tt 3in, can use his height advantage of four inches and speed to keep Andries off in the early rounds, he could frustrate the old man and cause him to lose

Some Olympic spirit is hard to swallow

s the Coca-Cola Olymwith ever increasing speed, it is time to ask ourselves the following ques-

tion: what is it that truly embodies the Olympic spirit? There can only be one answer, of course - an American bank. This is because a certain bank is giving away a million bucks. No, not to impoverished athletes from the Third World.

Just to punters, as a promo-tion for ... well, the bank. NationsBank is the official bank of the 1996 Olympic Games and it is offering customers the chance to win a Southern Living Dream Home. It also offers 50 trips to the Games, ten cars - the Olympic Gold Regal from Buick, since you ask - and 100 IBM computers. The dream home will be built anywhere in the United States that the customer wants and the bank will contribute \$100,000 [about 565,000] towards land pur-

"On behalf of the Atlanta committee for the Olympic Games, I congratulate NationsBank, Southern Living, Buick and IBM for working together to offer consumers these outstanding prizes," Billy Payne, president of the above committee, said. "Our sponsors have been working side by side with us to stage the 1996 Olympic Games. Many are also working together to benefit fans of the Olympic Games. They truly embody the Olympic spirit." And there was this column

chase and tax.

Diego is not having the happiest of times as he plays for Boca Juniors. The other week, at the end of the match. he flung his shirt into a crowd: a generous donation of a precious souvenir from a great, great man. A fan caught it and chucked it straight back.

thinking it was just a sleazy

promotion. But then I'm very

naive, you know.

Take a break

Truly faithful readers of this column will recall the rugby league player Barry Ashall,



SIMON **BARNES** On Saturday

Swinton against Keighley and played on. After that, he declared himself fit for the next game against Batley. Well, Craig Randall, of

Salford, has gone a bit further. He has been ruled out of tomorrow's match with Wigan after playing four games with a broken ankle. "I've been told I'll be He died during a



out for six weeks," he said. "It's a blow, but at least the lads now know I wasn't faking injury."

Seattle rumbled

It is often supposed that the American sports industry is the most advanced in the world. Well, so it is, but advancement need not mean interovement. You don't often hear that, say, Manchester United are moving to Leeds in a fit of pique.

Yet the Seattle Seahawks. whose home support was so frenzied it was known as "the twelfth man", have sneaked out of Seattle, performing nothing less than a moonlight flit. Their moving vans came in at dead of night to avoid any possible demon-

stration by supporters. The reason they left? Well money, obviously, but the reason given was that their who broke his leg playing for home, the Kingdome, required \$90 million to be spent on "protection against a maior earthquake". Where have the Seahawks moved to? Southern California, where

Caught short Faithful readers of this col-

umn will recall the footballer of a couple of weeks back who scored eight goals and then had them all cancelled. The match was abandoned due to a shortage of players among the opposition. Tony Booth, a referee from

Middlesex, writes to tell me of a tie that was abandoned when Havant, 1-0 down against Basingstoke with four players sent off, lost another player through inju-ry. This timely loss prompted the ref to call the game off. The FA said later that the

ref need not have abandoned the game. It is generally accepted that you need seven at the start. If you lose any more along the way, that's

Ancient values

High time we had a tale of Corinthian beauty in this space and so here is one. from Italy, no less. There was Gigi Casiraghi, the Italy and Lazio centre-forward, and there was Alberto Fontana, the goalie from Bari.

Fontana came haring out of his area to play the ball and the referee, Signor Bolini, was not impressed. He decided at once to send Fontana off for handball.

Casiraghi went to the ref and explained that the goalie had played the ball with his chest. The ref believed him

and Fontana stayed on. I suppose that Fontana should then have won the match by saving a Casiraghi penalty, but in fact, Lazio won 4-3. "I learnt my ancient values from my father," Casiraghi said.

of musical masterpieces with lyrics he would sing in many different lan-guages to appeal to people all over the world. For his unique blend of

Thaw arrives in time to save Tote Gold Trophy

Squire Silk primed to regain winning thread

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

enough.

make excuses," Andy Turnell, trainer of Squire Silk, said

yesterday. Well backed yesterday at

10-1, Squire Silk can be forgiv-

en a previous poor run at Sandown, where the track and

ground may have been against him, while he failed to stay an extended 2½ miles in

the Tote Silver Trophy at

Chepstow, the form of which

form. He's got a big heart and is a quick little horse. For a

long time, I hoped he might

Hurdle horse and his run in

Ireland gave me more heart,

so he's been entered," Turnell

With winning form in very soft ground and in large fields,

Squire Silk looks excellent

"He seems to be in great

now looks outstanding.

THE Tote Gold Trophy. whose prize-money of £100,000 makes it Europe's most valuable handicap hurdle, has at last enjoyed some luck from the elements and looks sure to go ahead at Newbury this afternoon. But the sponsors may be made to pay for their good fortune after offering 8-1 against Squire

Down the years, the race, which made its name as the Schweppes, has succumbed more often than any other to the elements with nine cancellations since 1969, and for most of this week the omens for today's fixture were not

encouraging. However, the sudden arrival of rain and milder tempera-tures should enable the biggest field since 1987 to get under way and punters, frustrated by the recent cold snap, have an ideal opportunity to

Pridwell, third behind Mysilv in this race last year and at Haydock on his most recent run, is the best handicapped horse but looks to save a bit for himself at the end of races. With Martin Pipe's horses slightly under a cloud. it is worth looking elsewhere.

when finishing fast behind Lonesome Train at Cheltenham on his only run this term.

but that was 91 days ago. Although fully recovered from pulling a muscle in his hindquarters prior to The Ladbroke, Mary Reveley was cautious about his chances yesterday, "With the weather we have had in the last month. he would not be 110 per cent. It would be an impossibility. I am more hopeful than confi-

RICHARD EVANS

Next best: Frontager (4.15 Newbury)

Nap: SQUIRE SILK

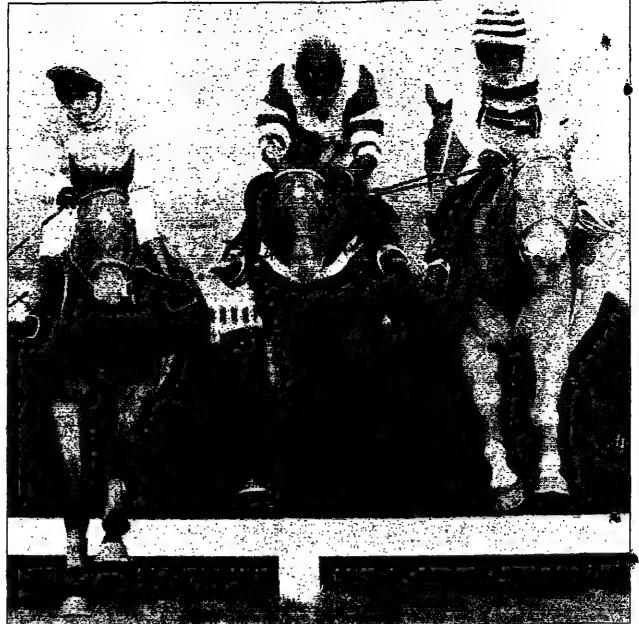
dent. He can handle soft ground but Newbury-style heavy ground would finish him off."

Warm Spell, trained by Gary Moore, bounced back to month, his first run over hurdles for almost two years, but needs to improve again. There is always a danger that horses who have run particularly well after a long lay-off can disappoint next time. His price looks plenty short value at 8-1. Express Gift is the

The opening Mandarin Handicap Chase does not look Squire Silk, a winner over course and distance in October, arguably ran his best race punter-friendly, although the when finishing fourth in The booking of Adrian Maguire Ladbroke under the steadier of 11st 5lb, having been dethe eye, If Philip Hobbs's prived of a clear run at a consistent chaser reproduces crucial stage turning for home, "Paul [Carberry] thought he would have won the form which saw him finish a good second to the progressive Smith's Band but for that and he is not the Wincantion, he should be sort of person to normally thereabouts.

Question marks also hang over several of the runners in the Mitsubishi Shogun Game Spirit Chase, but Viking Flagship has ground and trip in this season - glong with Maguire - and could be the value to beat Travado, who would prefer better going, and

Although Idiot's Lady carries considerable stable confidence in the Steve Harris 40th Birthday Novices' Chase, there could be some each-way value to be had with River Lossie. Whatever the fate of the Charlie Egerton runner, the Chaddleworth handler should be on the mark with Frontager, who merits strong support in the second and weaker division of the Val's Birthday Novices' Hurdle.



Viking Flagship, centre, will have the ground and distance in his favour for the Game Spirit Chase at Newbury

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

1,10 CLEVER SHEPHERD (nap) 3.15 Ashwell Boy 1.40 Viking Flegship

2.45 Fellow Countrymen

4.45 Andanito The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 PRIDWELL

GOING GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.10 MANDARIN HANDICAP CHASE (E7,720 3m 2! 110yd) (13 runners)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS Rets % JOCKEYS 20 50 0 P Carbery 11 27 3 \$ For 17 23 5 F Derwoody 103 23 1 J Obbone 22 22 7 W Marsten



RACING NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY: Kelso (2 10). Lingfield Park (AW 2 20) Lexicaster (2 00) WEDNESDAY: Ascot (BBC, 130) Linguist Park (140), Sedgefield (130), Wolverhampton (AW 220) THURSDAY: Lingfield Perk (AW 150) Sandown Park (200) Taunton

FRIDAY: Fakenham (2.15) Sandowr Park (1.30) Southwell (AV. 1.50) SATURDAY: Chepston, ISBC | 100) Lingfield Park (AW, 2-20) Newcastle (C4, 1-25) Windson (1-50), Warranck (1-40)

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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.40 mitsubishi shobun bame spirit chase

SETTING: 9-4 Villing Rayston 5-2 Travado, 7-2 Yathart, 6-1 Denong Paddy, 6-7 Natur, 14-1 Spree Cross 1995 NAKOR 7-11-10 J Osborne (5-2) S Christian 3 ran

DANCING PACIDY 12 of 31 to 56 start in Victor Chandler Chase at Asset (2m, quod in soil) with NAKIR 112th better off, 111st 61 TRAVADO 11 3nd of 4 to Dublin Fyer in ghee at Wichardson

2.15 (Grade III. £58.535. 2m 110yd) (20 runners)
301 28/9244 MCORRM 21 (0.5) (A Pitzsenck) J White 5-12-0
302 111P-3P MCSSAR 56 (0.5) (T Berson) M Pige 5-11-2
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Long handwage Stilling From its 3-6 Represse 3-7 Thomson Gats 9-5 Collects 9-2 BETTING 7.3 Wern Sen" 4-1 Scotto S.R. 8-1 Probed 9-1 Space Sis, 14-1 Colone Net, Thomban Gate, 18-1 Spaces Strong Promote, 10-1 Spaces, 1-1 region, Remainder, Silver Groom, 25-1 others, 1995; MYSELV 5-10-8 J (spaces 19-4) C Egiston 8 ran FORM FOCUS

PROTWELL 4. For the 19 years of Charmeron House 19 to better off) in 10 in SQUIPE SILK II will be sent of the 19 in 10 in SQUIPE SILK II will be sent of the 19 in 10 in SQUIPE SILK II will be sent of the 19 in 10 in 10 in SQUIPE SILK II will be sent of the 19 in 10 in 1 ☐ Snow and frost forced the abandonment of today's scheduled

meeting at Uttoxeter. The fixture at Canterick is subject to an

2.45 STEVE HARRIS 40TH BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE

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3.15 YAL'S BERTHDAY NOVICES HURDLE

BETTING: 9-4 Adment Boy, 5-1 Sugreme Genotin, 7-1 Amber Valley, 8-1 Sciences, Old Archives, 12-1 Show Fails, 15-1 Hairle, 23-1 Romster, 25-1 others. TIME: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

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1/PEDP-6 RICHALLE 28 (D.F.G.S.) (R Burges) N Bastey 10-11-7.

521 431-445 WELL SRIDFED 21 (DJ.F.G.S.) (P Jones) A Buckler 9-11-8.

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1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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4.45 TRIPLEPRINT/BONUSPRINT JOCKEYS CHALLENGE FINAL (National Hunt Flat race: £4,848; 2m 110yd) (25 namers)

THE HURT Field (ACCE: 24,848; 27) 110y(1) (25 TOTHERS)

11 ANDANTO 87 (5) (Remaphed) Lady Hermas 5-12-1. J Deborne 1-10 DECTUM 27 (5)-(Mas R Humphres) N Twiston-Dames 5-17-12. Mr M Rimel CARTAN WALTER NY Sump 1,004 6-11-6. S McCode COLL Glasher R Paterson J Man 6-11-6. W Mension Delete WOOD (55 Entitles) S Critiste 6-11-6. W Mension DELET WOOD (55 Entitles) S Critiste 6-11-6. J Lower 2 GOVERNOR DANIEL 320 (7 Nothy) J O'Step 5-11-5. R P. Devis 34LAPENO (A Parker) N Twiston-Dames 5-11-5. R P. Devis 44LAPENO (A Parker) N Twiston-Dames 5-11-5. D Byrni MRLERSFORD (Mas T Rischer) N Gasalee 5-11-5. J Byrni MRLERSFORD (Mas D Rischer) N Gasalee 5-11-5. J Rabon SEABFOCK LAD (S Parker) N Williamson 5-11-5. J Rabon SEABFOCK LAD (S Parker) N Williamson 5-11-5. J Rabon SEABFOCK LAD (S Parker) N Williamson 5-11-5. J Rabon SEABFOCK LAD (S Parker) N Williamson 5-11-5. J Rabon SEABFOCK LAD (S Parker) N Williamson 5-11-5. A Magnin SPEEDY SHAPSGEN (PDWIC Leg P Hothe 6-11-6. G McCost SPLINTES) (Mas J Magnin SPEEDY SHAPSGEN (PDWIC Leg P Hothe 6-11-6. G McCost SPLINTES) (Mas J Magnin SPEEDY SHAPSGEN (PDWIC Leg P Hothe 6-11-6. G McCost SPLINTES) (Mas J Magnin SPEEDY SHAPSGEN (PDWIC Leg P Hothe 6-11-6. G McCost SPLINTES) (Mas J Magnin SPEEDY SHAPSGEN (PDWIC Leg P Hothe 6-11-6. G McCost SPLINTES) (Mas J Menul D Machielaton 6-11-5. M A Riggered DUNNITY TUWN (Plaugh Racong) A Jones 6-11-0. Mr M Day (Plaugh SHAPSGEN (PDWIC LIG CREMARGE (Mas) Powel) T George 5-11-0. Mr M Day (P) WAYWARD CALL J Classfon) P Hothe 6-11-0. S Corran (2) GREMARGE (Mas) Powel) T George 5-11-0. Mr M Day (P) WAYWARD CALL J Classfon) P Hothe 6-11-0. D Mencedith Shapes 5-10-10 diese.

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5 4-65 TURGAMAL 7 (C.D.F.G) R Regard 3-9-1
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4.35 SWEETHEART HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2 612: 1m 2f) (9) 7-4 Schrege Pints, A1 General 9.2 Venterals, 5-1 Galano, Lord Blangman 6.1 Professio Sec. 8-1 chars

COURSE SPECIALISTS. LINGFIELD PARK Trainers. D Lode, 11 minutes from 27 namers. 40 75. N Waster, 5 from 31 15.9% D Startay-Smith, 12 from 59, 20.7%. M Prescott, 16 from 79 20.5% C Rhuner, 3 from 15, 20.0% McChalde, 9 from 49 16.4%, doclarys: 5 Repress? 3 anothers from 6 fields 50.1% L Deston, 55 from 246, 77% of Wenner 62 from 25 13.8% R Cochrane. 47 from 249 17.5% G Budfield 19 from 128 14.5%, C R McCalae. 10 from 77, 13.0% SOUTHMELL Trainers: Mrs. M. Revetey 19 amount from 71 namers, 25.5% M Ryan, 19 from 80 25.5%, Lord Humlangdon 22 from 104 21.2% M Carracto, 16 from 91 17%, J Recycledd, 20 from 125 15.9%, 8 Hugh 13 from 117, 15.4%, Jodepy, F from 21 amounts from 130 notes; 17.5%, 7 Lunch 5 from 29 17.2%, D Hamson, 21 from 15 15.5%, J Fourth et 17 from 179, 14.5% C Teague, 15 from 10 15.6% M Wightern, 12 from 95, 12.6%.

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(Drv I; £2,297: 1m 3f) (11 runners) (UNV E.E.Z.291: TITI 31) (11 TUPRRES)

1 OTO CALLING JAMAICA 299 (G) TM Ppe 4-9-10. A McStorm 4
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4 05-6 MORE CANNORER 8 S BOWEN 4-9-13 C Tampo (S) 7
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6 10-3 EXCLUSION 8 (F.S.) Helburgor 7-8-17. L Calminate 8
7 64-0 G-REER GOLD 6 (GOLG) W Salver 7-0-10 F Lymph (F) 1
3 399 ANOTHERIORE TO NOTE 10 N Librardon 5-9-9. T G McLanghin 6
9 00-0 SUPPRESOL 5-0 Charter 5-4-9 A Castorm 5-10 ESOU SIPTRESOL 5-0 Charter 5-4-9 A Castorm 5-10 ESOU SIPTRESOL 5-0 Charter 5-4-9 Charter 5-10 ESOU SIPTRESOL 5-0 Charter 5-4-9 Charter 5-10 Charte

1.45 WENGEN HANDICAP (Div-1: \$2,278: 71) (9) 1 508- HY GALLERY RZ (D.G.S) A BASE 5-10-1 Apple Galleron (7) 3
2 - 332 MONS 15 N/A J Basing 5-9-13 J Sciences (1) 5
3 0-00 LFE IS PREDOUS 17 (5) R Holinchead 4-9-6. M Wigham 8
4 0-00 RAFTER-J 221 (6) S) J A Kanes 5-9-1 D Hardson 7
5 5-32 H ROGK 5 (P) M Canagham 4-9-13 L Champer 2
6 3020 THE MESTRAL 5 M Ryon 4-9-3 L Champer 2
6 3020 THE MESTRAL 5 M Ryon 4-9-9. C Featper (5) 1
8 0305 CHESTRAL BOOM # (2) S Emming 5-8-8 C Featper (5) 1
8 0305 AGRESS DREAM 4851 L Basing 5-7-13 Date Gibeon 4
2-1 Hr Rock, 5-2 Marie, 7-2 Principal Boy 8-1 Chemise Grown, 10-1 others.

2.15 ST MORITZ MAIDEN STAKES (£3,647 1m) (9)

1 080- BOLD JONER 643 G Oldroyd 5-9-18 ... C Teague (5) 3
0 CLYTHA NELL LAD 7 J Bradby 5-9-18 ... S Drawns (3) 6
3 NAFRAAJ Idrs D Itatine 44-10 ... A McGlates 5
4 0-0 PUSHKA FARR 22 T Welson 5-9-70 ... S D Williams 5
5 054- SUVALU 165 M Neugher 4-9-70 ... J Foreign 1
6 0-08 GRANSTON (PRETY 5-8) C Sreath 49-5 ... J Foreign 2
7 HOUMA MOURINA C Wall 3-8-5 ... A Collision 7
8 0-52 SIX CLERKS 57 J Fitogrand 3-8-5 ... A Collision 7
3-0-2 M THE BAND 35 (BF) Lord Handworder 3-0-0 Olds Giftson 4
3-1 In the Bard 7-4 for Darks 7,2 Securit 161 Indiana 18-8-4-1 6-4 in The Bazol 7-4 Siz Charles, 7-2 Securio, 18-1 technica LiBrobnes, 12-1 offices

2.45 ASPEN CLAIMING STAKES (\$2,900: 1m) (6) 1 2-01 SECOND COLURS 16 (C.D.F.O) Mrs M Receive 6-94 J Fortum 3
2 -611 CHAOLEGN LANE 5 (V.C.D.E.F.O) Mrs M Receive 6-94 J Fortum 7
3 1112 KRECKER BOY 8 (V.C.D.E.F.O) Mrs M Receive 6-94 J Fortum 7
5 30 1112 KRECKER BOY 8 (V.C.D.E.F.O) Mrs N Macrole, 7-4-19 _____ T Nes 5
4 -200 BRYTICO 10 (C.D.F.O) Mrs N Macrole, 7-4-19 ____ T Nes 6
5 30-2 INO SURVESSION 8 (V.C.D.E.S.) 10 Compan 10-84 . A Calcan 2
6 50-5 CHARM DANCER 4 (F) M Pape 4-9-3 _____ P McCabo (C) 4
3-1 Second Colons, 7-2 Magariap Boy. 4-1 No Submissur, Besico, 8-1 (S) 03

3.15 ZERMATT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,846: 61) (7) 4 2344 SR TASKER 4 (C.D.F.G) J L Harrs 6-9-7 PFessey (5):
5 -001 80.10 ARRETOGRAS 12 (CD.G) R Hollochised 5-9-3 F Lysich (7) 7
8 -802 -NORTHERN GREY 8 (B) J Berry 4-9-3 L Tobold 3
7 38-5 9RISAS 29 (CD.F.G) C Fabrura 9-9-2 M Fenton 4
1 Sg Tasker, 7-2 Sea Devil, 4-1 Bold Artenance Sea

3-1 Ser Laster, 7-2 Sea Devel, 4-1 Bold Aristocrat, Serse Ol Priority, 5-1 Sea-Deor, 10-1 Northern-Gray, 16-1 Brissa. 3.45. VAIL HANDICAP (£3,692: 1m 4f) (14)

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1.261 MENTALASAN/THR 3 (C.D.F.S.S) A Bailey 7-10-4 (Sex)
Angela Gallinore (7) 4

2.5-60 MR TUMSER 24 (CD.G) W Heigh 5-10-0 ... C Teague (5) 8

3.005- GREENEPAN 24.1 (E) W May 4-9-13. ... JP Lugez 7

4.04- MA-BOOR VAPOUZ 24.1 Boster 6-9-8. ... C Vactor 5

6.240- MA-BOOR VAPOUZ 24.1 Boster 6-9-8. ... C Vactor 5

6.240- HANNING S (F.G.S) E Aston 10-9-8. ... 50 WINAINS 14

7.000- SOMMERSEY 54.1 (C) 54 hr N Marcarley 5-9-4

8.-431 TEMPERING 5 (CD.F.G) 0 Compans 10-8-12 (Sex) A Cultimum 9

9.-43 MENIT TABE 8 A Streeter 4-8-7

10.64- CHANITER PSATH 15 (D.8.9) C Thomism 5-8-6. L Charmock 1

10.90- VASILEY 18.1 (B.D.6.) 5 Gottings 8-8-5. ... V Hallday 6

12. CS0- GERPAL JABEO 17.1 F Murphy 4-8-3. ... J Fanning 2

3.200- ANTARTICEPEN 21.1 (F.S.) 6 Oktory 6-7-13. ... F Norma 3

7-2 Metabassylbin 4-1 Texpaning 9-2 Night Tame, 5-1 Hanning, 6-1 Mathoor Valoux 8-1 Greenepan, 10-1 Mr Towarz, 12-1 others.

4.15 VERBIER SELLING HANDICAP

(Div.II: £2,285: 1m 3f) (10) 8 0-06 ROSE CHIME 18 (F) JL Harris 4-8 2 Pressey (5) 2 9 00/0 BRAFFERTON BELLA 12 J Jefferson 4-8-1 N Acemedy 1 10 2465 SHOTLEY AGAIN 15 (6.5) N Bysrot 6-7-12 Commock 3

9-4 Kismetan, 7-2 Off The Ast, 4-1 Rainting Road, 7-1 Adalostic, 8-1 Geoesis Four, 10-1 MatRix, Rose Chane, 12-1 others, 4.45 WENGEN HANDICAP (DIV II: £2,265: 71) (9)

3-1 Mister Resider 7-2 Sweet Masse 4-1 Mangaretrisse Arma, Green's Biol 5-1 Broadly Apparation, 8-1 Partitor, 10-1 others.

SOUTH WAR

Wigan old boys plan reunion surprise

By Christopher Irvine

WIGAN are hoping that their past does not catch up with them tomorrow. At Salford, a "little Wigan" nowadays, nostalgia will play no part in the attempt by several former Central Park stalwarts to ambush the holders of rugby league's Silk Cut Challenge

son, the full back. Sam Panapa, the loose forward, and Andy Gregory, the Sal-ford coach, have 13 winner's medals from Wigan's consecutive triumphs in the competion since 1988. Their joint collection is just six fewer than that of the Wigan line-up for the fifth-round encounter between the championship and first division title-holders, if one does not count those belonging to Shaun Edwards.

Edwards had Gregory as his half back partner in five of his nine Challenge Cuf successes. "Wigan's side has changed consisterably since I left four years ago." still the best by a long way and it's still Shaun who makes them tick. When he's not there, they are nowhere near as effective

The Wigan captain, who has already promised Gregory a consolation drink afterwards, is aiming to extend his and Wigan's phenomenal unbeaten Challenge Cup run to 44 ties since a first-round

defeat at Oldham in 1987 - a game in which Gregory played. "That was a surprise." he said. The run has got to end sometime. Why shouldn't

Scott Naylor, in the centre, and Steve Blakeley, at standoff half, are other former Central Park rank-and-filers

Two postponed matches in the fourth round are due to be played tomorrow at the fifth attempt. The winners of the Whitehaven v Halifax tie will be at home to Sheffield Eagles and either Workington or Widnes will play at Dewsbury in rearranged fifth-round matches next

lying in wait for a Wigan side restored to full strength by the return to the back row of Andy Farrell, who starts his first match for two months after a hernia operation.

Warrington are gradually emerging from a slump, under the unlikely coaching alliance of Alex Murphy and John Dorahy, whose first home opponents. Leeds, only. just crawled out of the hole they dug for themselves in the fourth round at Swinton.

Nerves could well dictate the outcome of their televised confrontation today.

In a surprise move, Leeds have switched Francis Cummins from the wing to an unaccustomed position at full back, in place of Alan Tail. They have recalled Tony Kemp at stand-off half after a lengthy absence through inju-ry and have replaced Barrie McDermott with Harvey Howard in the front row - a problem area for Warrington. Mark Jones will step up from the substitute's bench should a viral infection prevent Gary Chambers from playing.

Leigh, the last survivors from the second division, entertain Bradford Bulls having won their past 12 matches. St Helens have Scott Gibbs back from suspension and have moved Andy Northey from the centre to the pack as cover for Dean Busby — whose damaged knee looks likely to rule him out two months — for their visit to Rochdale.

In an all-first division tie, Hull are attempting to reach the quarter-finals for the first time since 1992, while Keighley have not made the last eight for 20 years. Andy Fisher is available in the second row for Hull having escaped a suspension for a tripping incident against Hunslet in the

bad mistake in the King

George, Master Oats did well

to finish only three lengths off

Monsieur Le Cure in third

place, but his disappointing

performance at Chepstow be-

fore that when he was pulled

up, indicated that problems

with bursting blood vessels

Another horse who will

thrive on the soft is the promising Imperial Call, who

may emerge as the main local

hope. The trainer, Fergie Suth-

erland. schooled Imperial Call

at Clonmei on Thursday and

was delighted with the seven-

year-old's form. The softer

the ground, the better," Suth-

In contrast, the ground

looks to have turned against

Life Of A Lord, who was

supported in the ante-post lists before last Sunday. Aidan

O'Brien was confident of a big

run then, but his jockey,

about Monsieur Le Cure who

can prove that, on soft ground,

he will be a worthy Chelten-

ham adversary for One Man.

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may still exist.

erland said.



The big-hitters of women's and men's golf, Laura Davies and John Daly, meet before the Australian Skins event that starts today at Sanctuary Cove. Tom Watson, of the United States, and Peter Senior, of Australia, complete the line-up

Rusty Faldo fails to keep up with leaders

NICK FALDO went hunting for birdies in the Buick Invitational here at Torrey Pines, near San Diego, in an effort to play four full rounds for the first time in five weeks (a Correspondent writes). In a round of 69, he contributed four birdies to the 652 registered during a first round in which 112 players in the 156-strong field bettered par on the receptive greens of the North and South courses.

With statistics like that. Faldo knew that he must make a marked improvement to still be in action at the weekend. "That 69 felt like a 79. It was so easy out there," he said. He finished six shots off the pace set by the American trio of Tom Lehman, Doug Martin and Kirk Triplett. Like Faldo, they, too, played the North Course, enjoying two eagles and 27 birdies between them.

Faldo, who was restricted to 36 holes when rain forced the Pro-Am event at Pebble Beach last week to be abundoned. is scheduled to take a two-week break before embarking on a run of five

He faced a far stricter test for his second round on the South Course. yesterday. "This one is about two shots tougher than the North," Faldo said, "but I am confident because I am playing well. I just need a few putts to drop. I had a couple of mysteries on the greens and then I began second-guessing the putts."

Traditionally, this tournament has one of the lower halfway cuts on the US PGA Tour and Faldo's compatriot, Barry Lane, was also uneasy after a 69 in the first round on the North Course.

Price is reduced by McNulty charge

MARK McNULTY shot a fiveunder-par 67 to move four shots clear of the field at the halfway stage of the Dimen-sion Data Pro-Am tournament in Sun City yesterday.

McNulty, who won the Million Dollar Golf Challenge at the South African resort in 1987, had a bogey-free round over the Gary Player Country Club course, one of two being

used for the tournament Nick Price, his fellow Zimbabwean, who led after the first round, was ill at ease with his putter on his way to a 72. He shared second place with Andre Cruse, of South Africa, who recorded a 67 after

a 73 on the opening day.
"It was a kind of nothing day for me, although I played much the same as yesterday." Price, who also played the Gary Player course, said, "but although Mark [McNulty] had a good round today, he's not out of reach."

Among those who missed the cut. set. at 147, was Costantino Rocca, the Europe Ryder Cup player. The Italian followed his first-round 73 with a 76.

☐ Severiano Ballesteros, José Maria Olazabai and Colin Montgomerie will all make their first appearance of the year in a four-ball challenge match, the Canaries Cup, to be played at the Royal Las Palmas club, Gran Canaria. on March 4. Sam Torrance teams up with Montgomerie, his fellow Scot, to take on the

Monsieur Le Cure can add weight to Festival claims

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

THE Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown tomorrow, postponed from last Sunday, is likely to go ahead and it affords Monsieur Le Cure the opportunity to add strength to his Cheltenham Gold Cup

They aiready look substantial after his excellent second in the King George VI Chase Sandown, but the John Edwards-trained gelding can put the pressure on One Man's supporters by registering a winning effort on tomor-

rec is likely soft ground. Monsieur Le Cure thrives on a test of stamina and he will get that at Leopardstown. A

course spokesman said yesterday: "The forecast is for showers and high wind, but we don't foresee any problems with the card going ahead at this stage. The ground is now yielding to soft. Soft ground will also be

welcomed by the connections of Master Oats who, like Monsieur Le Cure, has been stabled in Ireland since last

Norman Williamson, who proved his fitness after returning to race riding at Clonmel on Thursday, reports the Gold Cup winner to be in good form but a watching brief may be

LEOPARDSTOWN TOMORROW

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Colonial Kelly to collect

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

THE Cambridge University Draghounds meeting at Cottenham today passed an inspection late yesterday and an exciting prospect is ready to

Colonial Kelly, trained by Diana Grissell in Sussex and an eight-year-old of great promise, has been kept in full work on an all-weather gallop and that could give him the edge in today's competitive men's open.

"Colonial Kelly is very well and we need to win one more open race to qualify him for the Cheltenham Foxhunters'." said Grissell. who trains a team of nine pointers near

Paul Hacking, who finished second on Colonial Kelly in the Times Rising Stars final at Newbury last year, will be in the saddle today, while Aucchampion Alastair Crow his Northern champion Kevin first ride of the new season in the same event Anderson will be an unfortu-Victor Dartnall showed the nate absentee regardless, havvalue of his all-weather gallop

by training three winners last weekend and he runs Chilipour. Butler John and Phar Too Touchy at the East Cornwall meeting at Great Richard Barber, another

with a wood-chip gallop, in-tends to saidile a team of nine at the meeting, which will provide the formidable Polly Curling with her first taste of action between the flags for a month. However, the Tim Mitchell-ridden Good For Business, in the intermediate, looks the yard's most likely

Tomorrow's Dunston, Badsworth, and College Valley & North Northumber-

inspections today, but ing broken a leg and shoulder last week. Andrew Parker takes over his rides.

Today's South Dorset fixture at Milborne St Andrew has been postponed until March 10, but tomorrow's North Western Club and Twescidown Club have been abandoned. The South Midlands Club at Heythrop, also due to be held tomorrow, has been postponed until Febru-

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Cambridge University Draphounds (Cottenham), 4m north of Cambridge (first race, 12.09); East Cornwall (Great Trethaw), 3m SE of Lielserd (12.00) TOMORROW'S MEETINGS: Badaworth (Wetherby), on NH course, nr A1 (11.30); Coflege Valley & North Northumberland (Almotol), 3m E of Almotol, 4m N of Bury St Edmunds (Ampton) 4m N of Bury St Edmunds (12.00).

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O'Sullivan pledges to

Devonian beat John Parrott 6-3 in the previous round and has beaten O'Sullivan on two of their four encounters.

Alan McManus, who was so unimpressive during a 6-5 second-round victory over Matthew Stevens, an 18-yearold wild card entry, showed a total disregard for the form book bybeating Steve Davis 6-4 vesterday.

McManus, who will meet his Scottish compatriot, Stephen Hendry, or Jimmy White this evening for a place in the final, must have expected the worst when Davis, faultiess in whitewashing Ken Doherty 6-0 in the previous round, built a 3-1 advantage at the

However, McManus compiled a 100 break in the fifth mame, won two o Even if he were fully fit, he three to level at 4-4 and, would be hard-pressed to crucially, erased a 55-0 deficit in the ninth with a 69 clear-

AYR THUNUERER 1.00 Celestial Choir. 1.30 Give Best. 2.00 East Houston. 2.30 Aragon Ayr. 3.00 McGregor The Third. 3.30 Executive Design. 4.00 Lord Of The West. 4.30 Stesh The Cash.

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RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, the defending champion at the Benson & Hedges Masters snooker tournament, has damaged ligaments in his right foot and spent yesterday on crutches. He injured his foot on Thursday by kicking a concrete plant pot and later overcame increasing discomfort to best Darren Morgan 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the event at Wembley Conference

Centre. O'Sullivan has been issued with a two-piece, removable plaster cast, but has no intention of withdrawing from the tournament. "Never in a mil-lion years will I pull out. This tournament means an awful lot to me," he said. "There is no problem playing. I just: have to decide whether to keep

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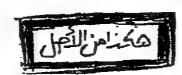
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Slick men of Europe devaluing game's honoured traditions

THIS has been a particularly rotten week in football. The Football Association, the FA Premier League, Manchester United and Arsenal were all party to a meeting in Geneva that sold the ethics of European competition as fraudulently as a trickster selling you a fake Rolex on the Ramblas.

The great, the good and the greedy of 33 "top" clubs accepted a proposal from Uefa, supposedly the governors of European football. to keep the door firmly closed on the majority of national contenders. Instead, they will invite double the numbers of clubs from eight countries, England amongst them, to take part in competitions for which many of them have not

Of course, our representatives thought of the money, sold out the principle and returned home rubbing their hands - but would it pass the Trade Descriptions Act? How on earth can you have a "Champions' League" that allows two teams from the same country? How can you have two clubs from a single nation competing in the Cup Winners' Cup?

The whole affair debases a wonderful tournament, the European Cup, that has been built up Rob Hughes cries out

against fat cats and

marketing men trying to move the goalposts

cence of the Uefa president, Lennart Johansson, devalues his platform to oppose the Fifa presi-dent, João Havelange, on the grounds that the old dictator has lost the thread of leadership.

Unsurprisingly, Havelange took one look at the Geneva proposals and denounced the "egotists" who only think of the money, when we have to think about youngsters and body". If only more creditable figures than Havelange would say

Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, commented: "Uefa are effectively saying it's better to have a second team from Italy than a first team from Azerbaijan in the Champions' League, but it has to be done on merit. If you lose sight of that, you game is all about."

Double speak, double values. There can be no merit in choosing a

England answer call to World Cup rehearsal

ENGLAND will play in a four-France and also featuring Italy and, probably. Brazil, in the runup to the 1998 World Cup, the Football Association said yes-terday. An invitation to play in the event in the summer of next year has been accepted even though England will meet Italy in their final World Cup qualifier in Rome

the following October.
"We think it would be good preparation for the team and an excellent curtain-raiser for the World Cup finals," Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said. "Over the past decade, we have tried to take the opportunity to familiarise ourselves with venues for the major tournaments wherever possible." All the teams will play each other once in the tournament, which means the Italians will get an extra insight into England's before a game that may decide who qualifies automatically for the finals. Double stressed that this

wouldn't have agreed to take part," he said. "This will be a chance for us to play against top-quality sides and taste of the conditions we will hopefully have to cope with in '98." ☐ Birmingham City have failed to Gulseppe Bergomi, for tomorrow's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first leg against Leeds United. They want-ed the former Italy international to cover for their regular central defenders, Liam Daish and Andy Edwards, who are both suspended. The Milan club agreed to the move until they discovered they would have problems re-register ing the player after the short-term

also applied to the Italians. "If this was a concern, we take part in a so-called champions' But it gets worse. Sir Bobby

Charlton and Sir John Hall are leading men in the English game, whose knighthoods have been wellearned for services to sport and to the business community respective-

ly. Hear then, Bobby Charlton:
Some people say it devalues the
European Cup, but it's progress,
it's the way we have to go eventual. ly." No sir, it is not progress, it is retrograde thinking, giving in to the demands of clubs like his own. Manchester United, who think that their wealth and their history allows them to succeed even when

Charlton says, derogatively: "It's easier to sell to television if all the hest teams are in the competition. A team like Deportivo (Là Coruña) could win the Spanish champion-ship, whereas Uefa would love to have Barcelona or Real Madrid."

The logic is finance at the cost of merit, but John Hall, the Newcastle United chairman, who was appalled at the start of the week by the vote in the House of Lords in favour of listed events being saved for terrestial television and by the reference of the Premier League's agreement with BSkyB and the BBC to the Restrictive Practices Court, also was out of order. "We welcome the increase in clubs," he said, "but selection should be on merit. The place should go to the runner-up in the Premiership."

That merely placates the argument. The truth is that the Champions' League and the Cup Winners' Cup are now tournaments for the elite. The majority of the 49 members of Uefa have been paid a significant sum to sit out the opportunity of trying to become Davids slaying Goliaths.

Goliath does not wish to be at risk any more. He demands to reap the rewards even in years when his quality fades. "He who controls the product," John Hall said, "controls the market."

Precisely, sir. The marketing men who devised this bastardisation of European events will be the first to bale out when the price drops, as it will when customers see the devaluation.

Why should the marketeers care, for their phony compromise is intended as a short-term bridge until they move on to the next creation, the world club league.

The man who makes Forest run

David Miller examines a

training regime which

is producing results for a leading Premiership club

They say there is nothing new in football. There is at Nottingham Forest For 212 years, it has remained a wellguarded secret, but it will be out in the open should Forest defeat Bayern Munich in the Uefa Cun quarter-final next month.

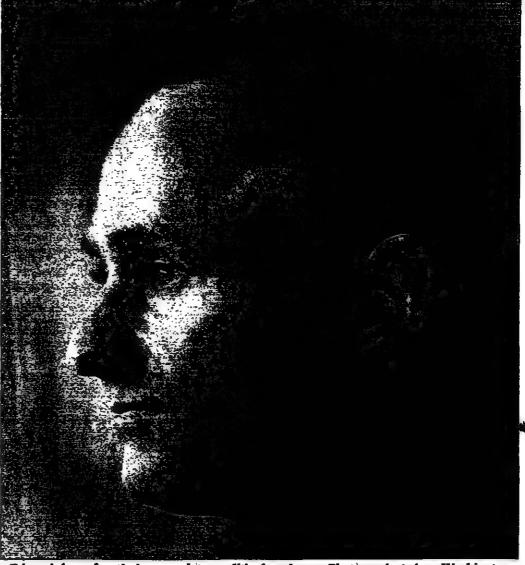
What is new is the fitness programme and the man respon-sible is Pete Edwards. Pete who? You will not find his name among the list of club officials on the match programme, but his im-print is identifiable on every Forest player who steps on the field. Edwards is part of the reason why Frank Clark, Forest's manager, is a potential successor to Terry Venables as England coach. Indeed, Venables is sufficiently aware of Edwards's contribution to Forest's development that he is considering utilising this dynamic trainer's skills during England's three-week fitness preparation be-

fore the European championship.
Every move Forest's squad take
on the training ground from
Monday to Priday is planned and
directed by Edwards. He plays no part, however, in overall tactics, controlled by Clark. Edwards's self-styled title is "preparator". You will not find the word in the dictionary, yet such men are operating with most Italian and Germany clubs. An equally appropriate title would be fanatic. Edwards, a Londoner, is as much a driven man as was Jock Stein.

"His biggest influence, besides his technical knowledge, is his enthusiasm." Clark says. "I give him more or less a free hand and he takes charge of everything, including diet. He can be argumentative, but that's part of his enthusiasm. He has made an immense difference to the level of fitness and that's contributed to what we've achieved."

Edwards, having studied at length the methods of foreign fitness coaches, became convinced. that one of the reasons for English specialised training, specific to both the individual physique and positional requirement.

His background is as a modest amateur player who failed to make it under Gordon Jago with Queens Park Rangers, where the coach was Steve Burtenshaw. Subsequently he was marathon runner, a karate black belt and bodybuilder. In 1987, for no pay,



Edwards has a fanatical approach to conditioning players. Photograph: Aubrey Washington

he became coach of Kingsbury Town. Burtenshaw asked him to provide a team for a practice match with Arsenal and George Graham was sufficiently impressed to ask Edwards to spend a season working at Highbury. In-evitably, there was friction with

Edwards knew that he should study abroad to expand his knowledge and paid his own way to work with Lazio. He was able to observe renowned fitness trainers in Italy such as Bartelloni, Zeman and Scala. "I had to throw away much of what I knew," he reflects. "You only had to look at how Italian players behaved in training: the deliberate pressure; the self-discipline, their fitness with and without the ball, their ability to produce explosive moments of

Edwards recorded every aspect on video, then returned home to work with Leyton Orient, under evidence of his influence subsequently persuaded Clark to invite

him to Nottingham. Small, urgent, demanding, Ed-wards can undoubtedly be abrasive, yet players such as Steve Stone, Stan Collymore, Ian Woan and the experienced Stuart Pearce - whose reaction might all too reasonably have been show me your 60 caps" - have responded and improved under a regime they have found makes sense.

Running is geared to positional play, whether endurance or sprints, with three-a-side in confined areas punctuated on a whistie by eight sprints, simulating the pressure of play. Some sessions unbearable after three minutes. Yet recovery periods - equally necessary in matches - between repetition sprints are incorporated into the daily programming.

Some days are low-intensity, players confined to small "boxes" so that they cannot run and must pass. Each player's diet is studied individually. Woan nowadays swears by pasta.

"He was known as "the moan"

and couldn't run 400 metres without pains." Edwards recalls. "but he's persevered and now he's on the fringe of the international team. Collymore was the world's worst trainer, yet grew to be dependent on the work he did."

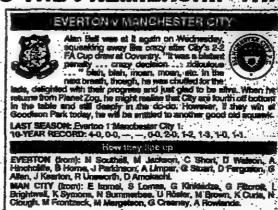
Appreciation between Clark and Edwards is mutual, "it's taken a lot of bottle for him to trust me with what I do," Edwards says, "because his job's on the line." The

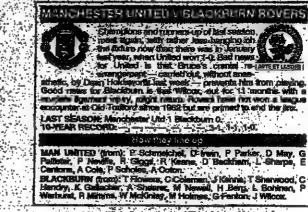
THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

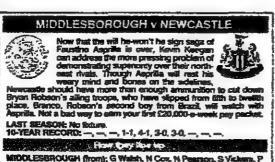
BOLTON WANDERERS V ASTON VILLA Exiten could play their remeiving fatures at Lourdes and still get relegated from the Premierahly with room to spare. Coth Todd talks a good game, spousing forth fire and primatorie, but not are in not enough to save the not-eo-happy Wanderen. Shern Little, the Visa manage, is good with the verballs, too, but his continuing defence of Microsovic, the sure-tooted yet one-looted Sarb, is uncontinued to the the test and control and spare could be the spare could be the test and the spare could be the spare c

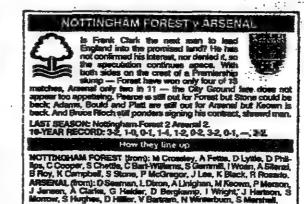
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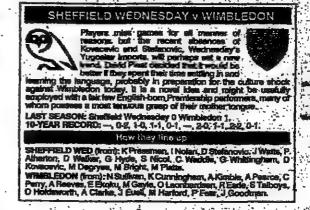


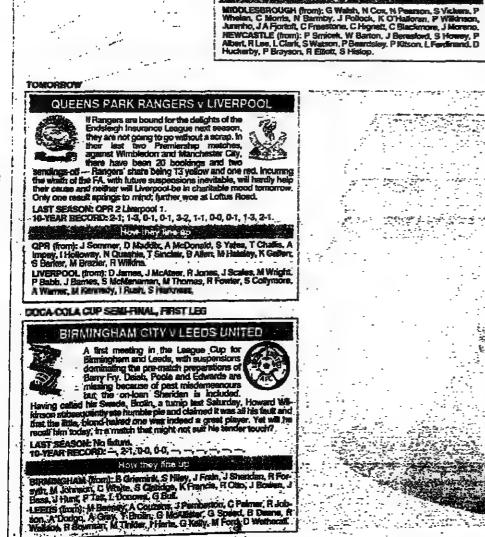


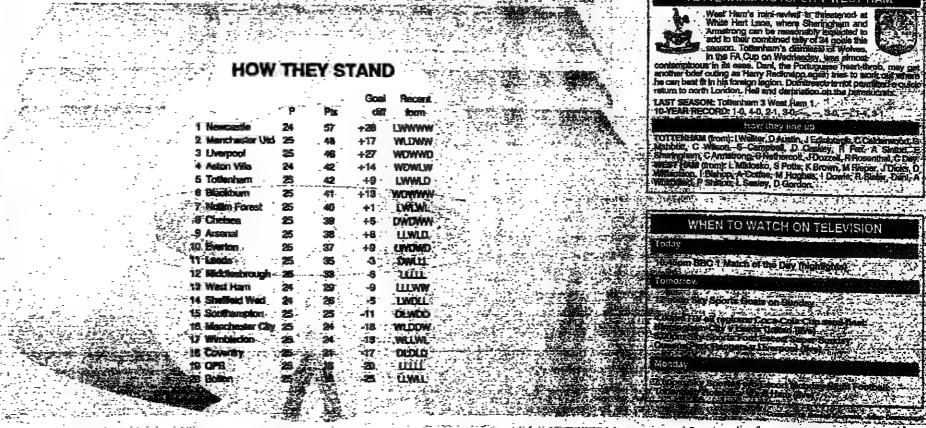












Thaw gives hope that Cup may run its course

Andrew and Co prepare for competitive debuts

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S harassed rugby union officials will breath a sigh of relief if the Pilkington Cup fifth-round ties proceed as scheduled today. If the weather intervenes once more, they are looking at such a log jam of league fixtures that an extension to the season be-

comes a possibility. The thaw has come just in time, though Newcastle are making a precautionary pitch inspection this morning. However, Harlequins, their opponents, are in situ and the optimism in the North East is shared elsewhere as the 14 clubs who were forced to sit idle a fortnight ago attempt to

join Wasps in the last eight. The quarter-final draw has already been made, of course, and that knowledge may prove an additional spur for

Bedford. Were Bedford, of the centre, hope will bloom etersecond division, to beat Bristol, then they have the prospect of a home tie against Bath, while Nottingham, desperate for income, would relish another home tie, against

First, however, they must make their way past Gloucester, which, even allowing for their struggles in the depths of the first division, will not be easy. Nevertheless, five of the Nottingham team can remember 1990, when they produced an unexpected 12-3 league win over their opponents today. Since then. Nottingham have slipped down a rocky

road, but they still boast three capped players to Gloucester's none — even if Simon Hodgkinson, Chris Gray and Gary Rees will not see 30 again. With another old hand in Gary Hartley, who retired through injury three years ago, to steady the ship in the

Will Carling, the England

captain, will miss the tie at Newcastle having aggravated a knee while playing against Wales. Will Greenwood and Peter Mensah are paired at centre against a Newcastle team in which Rob Andrew, Nick Popplewell, Peter Walton - internationals all - make their competitive debuts. Another week and Tony Un-derwood might have joined

Popplewell is one of four trishmen given leave by the national team management to play in the Cup before heading west for squad training. It is a sore point in Dublin, where Terenure College play Lans-downe to decide the Leinster Senior League without respectively. Niall Hogan and Eric Elwood, neither of whom has been released to play

- apparently because Pat

had not been informed of the

Jim Staples, the Ireland captain, plays for Harlequins, Conor O'Shea and the uncapped (as yet) David Humphreys for London Irish at Leeds, though the Irish are not travelling until this morning after wasting time and money on an overnight stay a fort-night ago. The delay has proved beneficial for Leeds: they can introduce Colin Stehens, their new player-coach. the former Llanelli and Wales stand-off half, in the hope of closing the gap between the fourth and second divisions.

One Irishman not required for the Cup is Simon Geoghegan, who is still struggling with a strained hamstring. instead, Bath choose Jon Sleightholme and Adedayo Adebayo on their wings at Wakefield, though they were close to being without Jeremy Guscott. He required a fitness test on a bruised shoulder yesterday and, had he withdrawn, Mike Catt would have been moved into his position. despite Catt's expressed wish to play full back from now.

Chris Murphy returns to lock West Hartlepool's scrum against Coventry, Leicester bring Jamie Hamilton in at scrum half against Saracens for the injured Aadel Kardooni and Mark Tainton plays stand-off for Bristol against Bedford because Arwel Thomas is required by

Wales. Thomas, of course, is the incumbent as the Welsh No 10. but Neil Jenkins will make a late charge for the role against Scotland. After a nineweek absence. Jenkins will play for Pontypridd in their delayed Heineken League meeting with Aberavon.



Andrei Chesnokov, of Russia, is comforted by his coach after losing 2-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-1 to Andrea Gaudenzi, of Italy, in the world group Davis Cup match in Rome yesterday

Hull through to indoor final

HULL, the only northern challengers, reached the final of the national indoor hockey club championship at Crystal Palace last night with victories over Stourport and Barford Tigers (Sydney

Friskin writes). Steve Moat scored five times in the 7-3 victory over Barford Tigers while, earlier, a goal from Andy Humphry three seconds from time against Stourport had given Hull a dramatic 6-5 win.

Stourport felt the loss of Imran Sherwani, who withdrew from the tournament because of injury, and fell behind as Alistair England and Steve Moat scored for Huli. They trailed 4-2 at halftime, but two goals from Zak Jones brought Stourport level. Parnham put them ahead before Hull's late rally.

Two second-half goals from lan Jennings helped St Al-bans to a 6-5 win over East Grinstead in pool B. Jennings had levelled the score at 4-4 just before the interval, but a well-taken goal by Boyse re-stored the East Grinstead

Southgate hope to consoli-date their position as leaders of the National League when they entertain Teddington tomorrow, but their visitors are still chasing a top-12 finish to qualify them for first-division hockey next season, when the League will be re-structured.

Guildford are pushing for third place and are at full strength for their home match against Havant. After a 7-1 win last week over Indian Gymkhana, Havant have though they are without Giles, who is recovering from a hernia operation. Perryman returns to the side from England Under-18 duties.Lawson faces a late fitness test.

Today. Hounslow visit Reading, who, along with Cannock, are only two points behind the leaders. Cannock visit St Albans tomorrow.

Beeston, nine points clear in the second division, will be severely tested when they visit Bluehearts, who lie third,

IN BRIEF McRae hits trouble

COLIN McRAE, the world champion, was lying a disappointing tenth late on the opening day of the Swedish Raily near Karlsbad yesterday. Tommi Makinen and Juha Kankkunen were locked in an all-Finnish scrap for the

in Sweden

early lead. With seven of the day's nine special stages completed, Makinen's Mitsubishi Lancer was . 20sec ahead of Kankkunen's Toyota Celica. Carlos Sainz, of Spain, now with Ford, was lying third, 14

seconds further back. McRae, in a Subaru, recorded the best time on the fifth stage, but then lost time in the sixth when he began to shed nails from his studded snow

Muster at last

Tennis: Three days before becoming the world No I, Thomas Muster, of Austria, won his first senior match on grass yesterday, beating Mar-cus Ondruska, of South Afri-ca, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 in a Davis Cup world group first-round match in Johannesburg. Wayne Ferreira beat Wolfgang Schranz to level the tie.

Debentures are to be issued for the new No l Court at Wimbledon, which is under construction and scheduled for completion in time for the 1997 championships. Up to 1,000 will be available, each at a total cost of £9,900. Successful applicants will be entitled to benefits until 2001.

Fairbrother out

Judo: Nicola Fairbrother, one of Britain's leading hopes for the Olympic Games in Atlanta, made an unexpected early exit from the Tournoi de Paris yesterday when losing in the second round of the under-56kg division to Perni Andersson, of Sweden.

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"Wasps' bold plan grounded

THE disruption to Wasps' season, already hit by the loss of two key players in Rob Andrew and Dean Ryan and the ravages the weather has inflicted on their league programme, has continued with a blow to their ambitious plans for redevelopment at their Repton Avenue ground in Sudbury (David Hands

Four months ago, the first division club announced a £2.5 million scheme that would take them forward into the era of open rugby, but this week Brent Council's planning department has told Wasps they will have to reconsider. Local residents have taken issue with the

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Eventon v Mari City 1) Man Uld v Blackburn proposals and if their objections continue to be upheld, is it possible the club would be forced to look for a new home. "I'm not pessimistic about

the eventual outcome," Sir Pat Lowry, chairman of the club's executive committee, said vesterday. "We want to stay in Brent. We have been there since 1923 and we don't want to leave. The planning decision has been deferred, not

rejected." Wasps want to establish a centre of excellence for northwest London, in conjunction with the council. The problem centres around the present cramped approaches to the ground and a liaison committee will be established to

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Third division

explain to residents how the flow in and out of the ground will be managed, with particular emphasis on the increased facilities that would be available to the whole community.

"If there is some accommo-

dation to be reached, we will do it." Lowry said, but the setback occurs at an unfortunate time since Wasps not only have to finance their proposed ground changes (which include turning the pitch through 90°) but compete in the playing market against first division rivals. Saracens and Harlequins, both of whom have received money with which to compete in the professional game.

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COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES.

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SNOOKER: Berson and Fledges Musiers. (Wembley).

TENNES: LTA women's satellite lournement (Sunderland), LTA mon's satellite tournement (Brenhall).

VOLLEYBALL: Men: Cup: Lievisham v Whitelekid (2:30); Tooling v Purbrook (5:30) Women. First division: Guildford v Music Cdy (2:30).

TOMORROW

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BUDWESER LEAGUE: Chester v Worthing (5.0); Dancaster v Hernel (5.30), Sheffield v Derby (6.15). NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First di-vision: Sheliteki Hazzers v Tyme and Weer.

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OTHER SPORT ' GYCLING: Perf's road-race (46 miles, Moonstoke Haris, 11.0). By and District (25 miles, Witchford, 10.0) METBALL: Scotland v England (Clasgon). SNOOKER: Berson and Hedges Masters (Wernbloy) TENNIS: LTA man's safetie tourne (Brannas). O'china)

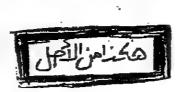
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Never say never to England . . . but not for the moment



through which the England rugby team is now going is not a comfortable one. It has been made worse by the constant glare of publicity that has been turned on to the sport in recent years and certainly by the declaration of the open game this season.

inevitably, when things are not soing well, press and public look back to the times and the individ-uals who played in the successful teams which created such heightened expectation. I was fortunate enough to be one of them, alongside such players as Brian Moore, Dewi Morris and Dean Richards,

one or all of us to return to the side Such speculation is increased when my new club. Newcastle, plays against top-flight opposition,

such as Harlequins in the Pilkington Cup today and New South Wales next Tuesday, but there is no prospect of my playing anything other than club rugby this season. I retired from international rugby last October and I have played only two or three games since then.

The lob I have been given at

The job I have been given at Newcastle demands all my atten-tion. It has brought a new focus to my rugby life and I don't yet know where it is going to lead. The game Rob Andrew rules himself out of the national team reckoning - at least until next season

is changing on a weekly basis and and where I am now is exciting, exhilarating. Who knows where we will all be a year from now? For that reason, I am not ruling

out any possibility, but life has moved on and it would take a very special set of circumstances for me to appear in an England shirt again. For now, the selectors have their job to do and both Moore and Morris can be discounted; they have retired from first-class rugby. Richards is different; he is still a

member of the squad and whether he plays for England again is a matter of selectorial judgment based on their knowledge of him as a player and the kind of game they want the team to play.

Whenever a longstanding half-back partnership changes — as every one of the five nations in this season's championship is in the process of finding out — it must have a significant impact on the side as a whole. Yet the two

Over the past few years, England have identified areas of strength and used them to considerable advantage. Much of the success in that period was based on forward power and, if there was a bias in that direction, at the expense of such runners as Will Carling, Jerry Gascott or Rory Underwood, it could be justified both by results

and by the critical influence of the forwards in international rugby. The trick is to achieve a balance between the two distinct areas of the game and that is not easy. You have two very different groups of

the middle of it all attempting to pull the strings. PerhapsMike Catt's decision to remove himself from contention as a stand-off half will take some pressure from Paul Grayson while the squad as a whole needs its collective confidence restored. That is the role of management.

For me, my season is just beginning and I am looking forward to next September, when I can be a part of a new club team from the start; maybe, at that stage, my old friends, Dean Ryan and Steve Bates, will look at my form with a critical eye and tell me it is

Sponsor's deal kits out United with £60m

MANCHESTER United hit the jackpot yesterday. The ship and merchandising deal with Umbro worth around £60 million over six years, setting a record for British sport that far surpasses the previous largest sum of £26 million over four years which Reebok agreed with Liverpool

Neither United nor Umbro would release the exact fig-ures, but it is unlikely to be much less than EIO million a year. "You can conjecture that the figures reflect United's status as one of the leading clubs in the world," Peter Kenyon, Umbro's worldwide chief operations officer, said at a hastily-arranged press con-

ference yesterday.

That status, financially at least, was increased this week. It is no coincidence that the deal, and the amount, should be agreed in the week that Uefa, the European governing body of football, proposed to

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allow a second English club into the European Cup. With United the leading candidates to take the second place if they do not win the FA Carling Premiership, the amount of Europe-wide television they can guarantee makes them an even hotter property than did the £24 million turnover from their commercial activities, a figure that outstrips Rangers' total income.

Yet the deal also reflects the growing competitiveness of the sportswear industry, which led to the description "sportswars" being coined by one Umbro executive vesterday. Umbro had to hold off challenges from Nike and Reebok, which are both becoming leading players in a lucrative market.

Nike, one of the biggest American companies in the industry, is known to be eager to increase its position in British football and its involvement is pushing up the

Liverpool before Reebok work but Umbro's success in keeping Manchester United will be an even greater disappointment to the company. Nike is believed to have offered United £50 million over four years in an effort to attract the most successful merchandising op-

"We considered three op tions," Martin Edwards, the United chairman and chief executive, said yesterday, "We looked at one major multibrand sports-goods manufacturer, we considered doing the operation ourselves and we looked at Umbro, who are a football specialist."

The previous four-year contract still had two years to run. but it has been subsumed under the new one, taking the agreement up to 2002. The decision to renegotiate now reflected the change in the market with the contract final-

ly being signed yesterday lunchtime, giving time for United to inform the Stock Exchange before releasing the information publicly. Umbro's partnership with

United has proved highly profitable for both parties. The most market-conscious club in England, possibly the world. United already have national retail outlets and even a team of salesmen purveying their products in the Far East. That is likely to expand, with Umbro pursuing the growing Jananese market

"Umbro have proved to us over the last four years that they are the most effective sports brand in the football marketplace," Edwards said. However, its dynamic part-

nership with United has not been without its critics, including Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who charged the club with exploiting its supporters with the constant changes of shirt. Yesterday, in the United megastore, a boys shirt in the latest style, the grey away strip, cost £27.99, with shorts at £14.99 and socks £5.99. The red shirt was being discounted, with a new design ready to be launched later this year.

Walcott leads moves to break Sri Lanka deadlock



A sign at Sydney's airport sums up Australia's attitude to playing in Colombo as Taylor, centre, and his team begin the journey to India. Photograph: David Grey

Anxiety clouds World Cup gala

WHEN the first World Cup was staged 21 years ago, it opened to little pomp and ceremony. By way of gesture, England's opening match against India took place at Lord's, where Madan Lal bowled the first bail to John Jameson, Geoff Boycon preferring to turn out for his county rather than his coun-

No one will describe tomorrow's opening of the sixth World Cup- as understated. More than 100,000 people will assemble inside Eden Gardens, Calcutta, while two billion more watch on television, for a 75-minute speciacular masterminded by Gianfranco Lunetta, who brought the

opened the 1990 football World Cup and closed the

Barcelona Olympics. The first cricket ball the crowd will see will be made of laser-beams, into which will descend Sushmita Sen, a for-mer Miss Universe, wrapped in the flags of the 12 competing teams. Controversy has raged in India for weeks about the Miss Sen's decision to divest herself of the flags and hand them to the respective

it will not be last time during the next five weeks India finds itself torn between culture and consumerism as it attempts, along with the other joint-hosts, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, to cash in on a tournament that is expected to generalone of £25 million, some 75 times more than were realised

in 1975. The chances of the deadlock being broken over the refusal of Australia and West Indies to play in Colombo looked to have marginally improved yesterday. Officials from the International Cricket Council (ICC) had no sooner arrived in Calcutta than they began informal talks prior to a meeting of the various parties today. The diplomacy of Sir Clyde

Walcott, the ICC's chairman and David Richards, its chief executive, is the last realistic hope of the crisis being re-solved, though the world governing body's reputation as a toothless tiger tempered any

Richards emerged from one meeting to state that the position was very sensitive. Ali Bacher, the South African board's managing director, said cryptically: "I cannot disclose all the details but let me tell you all good efforts

produce good results." Members of Pilcom, the organising committee were hoping that Walcott's Caribbean connections might open a path to the West Indies team abandoning its boycott of Co-lombo. But Walcott would say only that he had a number of options in mind.

He can only hope the proximity of tomorrow's carnival will bring home to the relevant parties the absurdity of celebrating contests that will not be taking place.

Pugh, the IRFB chairman,

said. There is a wish on

everyone's part that the Lions.

Though some individual

players and officials in Britain

have queried the viability of

the touring concept, each of.

the home unions has been

asked to make allowance for a

Lions tour every four years in

their contractual arrange-

ments with players and clubs.

It has yet to be clarified who.

in the open era, will pay the

players in a combined team;

there is a presumption that

many of the costs will be borne

by the host unions in South

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Jockeys warm to mechanical horse

By Richard Evans, racing NATV BILL TO THIS VEAK

WHO said horses are not machines? Rudolf, a nonthoroughbred of indeterminate sex and age, looks set to become the most sought-after ride in racing - because he is

The mechanical horse, formally known as "The Ride-Away." is the first of its kind to ³ be installed at a racecourse and will enable jockeys at Newbury to have a warm-up in the weighing room before riding for real at the Berkshire course.

 Jamie Osborne, who, like leading riders such as Richard Dunwoody and Frankie Dettori, practises at home on a similar machine, put the stationary nag through its paces yesterday and explained the benefits.

"There are very few sports where the participants would go out and perform without having a warm-up. You can't drag a real horse into the weighing room and warm up the relevant muscles - but you can on this.

"The muscles we use in riding a horse are unique to nearest you get to it but this machine is invaluable. You can push it as long as you like. as hard as you like for as long as you like to get fit at the start of the season or keep you ticking over during a cold snap when racing is off."



Osborne puts the new mechanical horse through its paces in the weighing room at Newbury yesterday

The machine was invented by Richard Perham, a leading freelance jockey riding in Saudi Arabia, and retails at £650. The frame is based on a series of springs providing a forward motion and it has a pivoted neck on which jockeys can fine tune their riding style, whip-handling and

drive-to-the-line finishes. Carl Llewellyn, who won the 1992 Grand National on Party Politics, bought a mechanical horse last year after being banned from riding on three occasions for breaching

whip rules.
"When you are unfit or not going racing due to the wea-ther, the first thing that goes every time are the knees; that is where the main pressure is during racing," he said. "You can go bicycling, swimming or running but it never gets your knees fit. This machine does the trick."

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Lions booked to tour South Africa in 1997 HARD on the heels of the elopment of players," Vernon

International Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) ringing acclamation of the sport's tradition-al principle of touring, the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) confirmed yesterday the visit of the British Isles next year (David Hands

"We view it as a very, very important tour," Edward Griffiths, the Sarfu chief executive, said. Though the full itinerary for the 12-match tour in May and June, 1997, will not be finalised until next week, it will include internationals in Cape Town. Johannesburg and Durban. It is hoped to confirm the management team by the end of this season.

One of the decisions taken by the IRFB council at its annual meeting last month was a commitment to a regular programme of tours. They are fundamental to the dev-

The Lions add variety to the southern-hemisphere season and their tour will slip in between early-season provincial tournaments and the tripartite programme organised between the three powers.

Africa and Australasia.

Spouse will wield power behind the scenes as curtain goes up on yet another Government

Italy turns spotlight on 'Lady M'

blonde," observed the normally staid Corriere della Sera this week. This was not a reference to the apparently endless succession of busty and long-legged female presenters on Italian television, but a political point: every time Italy gets another "re-volving door" government, a new First Lady comes in with the new Prime Minister.

Marina Maccanico, wife of Antonio, the Prime Ministerdesignate, has hardly had time to change the wallpaper at the Palazzo Chigi, the Italian equivalent of 10 Downing Street. Signor Mac-canico does not formally take over until he puts together a broad coalition to complete Italy's political and constitu-tional reforms. In the meantime, Lamberto Dini remains caretaker Prime Minister. sharing the limelight w th his wife. Donatella.

In the public mind, however, power has already shifted. and attention is focusing on "Yady M", as the Italian press calls her. Although the Italian man likes to project a macho image, his wife (or mistress) is ROME FILE by RICHARD OWEN

working Madonna of Civitavecchia is still

drawing the crowds at the rate of 5,000 a week.

The controversial statuette, brought from Medjugorje in Herzegovina and seen to cry tears of blood in February last year by an

electrician's five-year-old daughter, now

stands in the parish church, where it has

allegedly cured 23 seriously ill patients,

his female admirers.

Minister, is a former model throne. A leader's wife. Il who claims that the hyperac-Messaggero remarked this week, wields "more than half tive Silvio still finds time to "whisper sweet nothings in my ear". Signora Dini is a the power" by supporting him, providing him with a powerful and wealthy busirefuge and putting up with nesswoman, with interests in Latin America - she has Italy's First Ladies have Costa Rican citizenship from certainly been striking figher first husband. Signora Maccanico, by contrast, has ures. Veronica Berlusconi.

running their home. Rather like her husband, she has operated behind the scenes, with only occasional forays into the business world, including a brief stint in public

The Maccanicos' understated style and discreet social network may prove to be an asset. Signor Maccanico has been Italy's shadowy "Mr Fixit for decades, rising through the upper echelons of the civil service to be the right hand man of successive Presidents and Prime Ministers. Their third floor flat on the Via della Scrofa, just round the corner from the Parliasecond wife of the media devoted herself to bringing up ment and the Prime Ministrycoon who was briefly Prime her son, now 23, playing ter's office in Rome's old city,

comas". Cynics point out that the results of lests on the Madonna by a Vatican committee

have yet to be revealed, and that Civitavecchia

is a rundown port 50 miles from Rome badly

in need of income from pilgrims. The Mayor, a

former Communist, is going ahead with plans

for a new church, five new hotels and a

As Italy's party leaders pondered Signor Maccanico's reform programme this week, Signor Agnelli told them bluntly: "I know Maccanico. he's a first class man." 'Miracle' is godsend for ailing port

Signora Maccanico would seem the ideal woman to charm the Left and the Right, as well as the Agnellis and Cuccias. She is a statuesque blonde with piercing blue eves who combines a striking presence with political acumen - she has a law degree - and a diverting passion for

Alleanza Nazionale, the "post-

Fascist" party led by Gianfranco Fini, whose sup-

port for the Maccanico re-

The Maccanicos have for

years entertained Italy's most

powerful businessmen, bank-

ers and politicians, both at the

Via della Scrofa and at a

tennis club frequented by the

elite. Their intimate friends

include Gianni Agnelli of

Fiat, Enrico Cuccia of Mediobanca and Carlo De Benedetti of Olivetti — three

men who between then own

forms is crucial.

most of Italy.



Marina Maccanico, wife of the new Prime Minister

Women rule the roost

have been surprised by the news that women wield more than half the power in high places: the same is true in low

The magazine Oggi this week gave the Italian male ego a further battering with a photo-montage showing an elegant female hand dumping a despondent male figure in a dustbin, with the caption, Poor boy, what a nasty end." The accompanying opinion poll showed that men are hoss in only 7 per cent of households. In 69 per cent. there is joint control.

There were similar figures udget - busband and wife in 57 per cent of households

and who decides where the family goes on holiday — joint decision in 69.5 per cent f homes. In only 15 per cent of households does the man makes the big financial decisions. Some attribute this to women's growing indepen-

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TWO German smugglers have become the first men to be tried and convicted in a Western court for attempting to sell the skin of a Siberian

The verdict - in which one brother was sentenced to other, to one year — marks an important milestone in the battle to save one of the world's most endangered species. There are only about 200 of the tigers left in the Russian Far East, prowling the Taiga between Vladivostok and

The two were arrested at a motorway café outside Bonn. where they were supposed to hand over the skin of the illegally killed tiger for around £25,000. The men were ethnic Germans, born in Russia, and were acting for a searching their flat found a



The Siberian tiger

tiger head in the deep freeze, a polar bear skin and several other rare furs.

Every part of the tiger can yield a profit. Asians, in

particular, are willing to pay high sums for parts of the near a pillow is supposed to scare away evil spirits - there. was an ancient Asian tigergod called Amba. Tiger bones are supposed to help against rheumatism, the fat from the animal is used to cure haemorrhoids and vomiting. Tiger teeth, according to some Asian superstitions, guard against asthma and rables. The tiger brain, administered in the correct dosage, is an antidote for spots and Jaziness.

A tiger processed into pilis, creams, balins, compresses and powders can be worth around £450,000. In Korea, for example, tiger penis soup can cost up to £200 a serving. The reason is that male diners hope to increase their potency — the Siberian tiger is capable of copulation every 20

The skins are in a way amere footnote to the business. the West showing the greatest World Wide Fund for Nature mong others has led to hunting laws being tightened. but this week's sentences are the first time that a jail term has been enforced:

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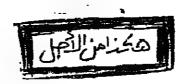
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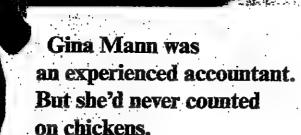
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In removing without replacement the minimum approved qualifications for probation officers when making the Probation (Amendment) Rules (SI 1995 No 2022). which revoked rule 25 of the obation Rules (SI 1984 No 647). the Home Secretary acted within the discretionary power conferred by section 25(l)(c) of the Probation Service Act 1993 to regulate the qualifications of probation officers.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an application for judicial review by the applicants, the National Associ-

Helen Mary Schofield, for a declaration that the 1995 Rules were unlawful and void, and for an order quashing them, on the ground that section 25 of the 1993 Act required the secretary of state to make rules specifying qualifications required for service as a probation officer.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Gavin Millar for the ap-plicants; Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY came into force on December 4. tion Rules 1984 and thereby abrogated the requirement that newly appointed probation officers should have a certificate of

pre-requisite for appointment. The 1995 Rules were made under section 25(1)(c) of the 1993 Act

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which provided: "(I) The secretary of state may make rules - ... (c) regulating the qualifications, man ner of appointment and duties of

> It was submitted for the applicants that although the statute appeared to grant to the secretary of state an unfettered discretion, when read in its statutory and historical context the failure to specify any qualifications would frustrate the Intentions of

For the secretary of state it was granted him a discretion whether or not to prescribe qualifications, and that if he decided not to cretion could only be challenged on the ground of perversity. There was no challenge on that

ground in the instant case. In the light of the legislative history Mr Fitzgerald submitted that ever since 1926 the secretary of

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state had prescribed the qualifica-tions of probation officers. At first he did no more than require probation committees to consider educational qualifica-

plete a course of training approved by the secretary of state. Furthermore, when re-enacting the permissive words of section 25(t)(c). Partiament could not have expected the secretary of state to committees to decide, without any guidance, what educational

were normally expected to com-

qualifications new probation officers should have. Mr Parker pointed to sections in clearly imposed a duty, so that when permissive words had been chosen they should be taken to

mean what they say. Section 2(1) and (2) illustrated the ability of the parliamentary drafts-man to use appropriate words to mark the distinction between a discretion and an obligation. His Lordship accepted that the use of permissive words in a

was not recessarily There might in the circumstances be a duty to act, especially if the statute itself offered a remedy which could not be effective unle subsidiary legislation was put in place. But that did not help the applicants in the present case. Since 1925 the responsibility for appointing probation officers had been vested in probation commit-

tees with supervision by the sec-retary of state. retary of state.

He had power to make rules to
"prescribe the qualification" or to
"regulate the qualifications" and to
a limited extent he had exercised
that power.

The act of revoking rule 26 of the
1984 Rules was itself a regulation
of the qualifications of potential
provinted. They are subject [16]

within the discretionary power given to the secretary of state by

section Zillici. It removed the potential obstacle to appointment, namely the lack of a social work qualification. The other qualifications considered to had always been left, to probation

The secretary of state had not therefore, as the applicants submitted, acted to create a void, except in so far as he no longer prescribed a particular educa tional qualification as an essential He had not done so until 1984.

and his Lordship could not read into the permissive statutory words any duty, as opposed to a Mr Justice Forbes agreed. Solicitors: Hudge Jones & Allen: Cavity Trays Ltd v RMC Pagel Products Ltd Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord

Justice Aldous and Sir John

(Judgment February 6) The holder of a patent could make a threat against a person that he

would be sued for manufacturing products for disposal but could not threaten proceedings for the disposal of the product when Section 70(4) of the Patents Act

1977, which contained an exception to an aggrieved person's right under section 70(1) to bring an action against the patentee for a groundless threat, defined the acts of alleged infringements which were excluded and not the type of persons who might be threatened.
It was not an abuse of process for a person to start an action alleging unlawful threats of patent infringement and to seek to recover

as damages the costs which had been incurred after receiving a threat of proceedings.
The Court of Appeal held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Cavity Trays Ltd, from a decision of Judge Peter Ford sitting in the Patents County Court on May 9, 1994, whereby he struck out its writ and statement of claim on the

ground that the pleadings did not disclose a cause of action and amounted to an abuse of process. On November 13, 1991 the defen-dant, RMC Panel Products Ltd. was intending to launch at an exhibition on November 24, 1991 a new type of cavity wall closer to be called "Type H Cavicloser". The defendant contacted its patent agent who advised that the Cavicloser infringed a patent of which the defendant was an exclu-

Pursuant to that advice the defendant's patent agents, on instructions, wrote a letter to the plaintiff threatening proceedings. The defendant decided to commence proceedings for infringe-ment of patent and to seek an interlocutory injunction to restrain the launch of the Cavicloser.

sive licensee and therefore had

rights under section 67 of the 1977

The plaintiff's lawyers were instructed to resist the application for an interlocutory injunction. Shortly before the hearing was due to take place counsel for the plaintiff was informed that the application would not proceed.

The reason was that the defen-

dant's solicitor discovered on the morning of the hearing that the defendant had transferred all its assets and liabilities to an associated company and it became apparent that the defendant might have the necessary exclusive licence enabling the action to be

Costs risk over patent threat Furthermore, he learnt that the defendant was not in a position to

taking in damages. He tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain instruction from the associated company so that it could be joined as a plaintiff. Later he informed counsel and the court that the application could not proceed. The plaintiff then issued a writ and statement of claim claiming

On the striking out application the defendant submitted that the only cause of action pleaded was an action for threats of proceedings for patent infringement under section 70 of the 1977 Act and that such an action could not succeed because the threats pleaded were not actionable having regard to section 70(4); further, the action was only a vehicle to recover costs expended by the plaintiff and was an abuse of process. The judge upheld both those submissions.

provides: "(1) Where a person threatens another person with proceedings for any infringement of a patent, a person aggrieved by the threats ... may, subject to subsection (4) below, bring proceedings in the court against the person making the threats. claiming any relief mentioned in subsection (3) below...

"(4) Proceedings may not be brought under this section for a threat to bring proceedings for an infringement alleged to consist of making or importing a product for disposal or of using a process. . ."

Miss Mary Vitoria for the plaintiff: Mr Christopher Van Hagen

for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that the decision on the issue whether the statement of claim contained a good cause of action depended on whether it contained an arguable case of an unlawful threat of patent infringement proceedings. The defendant's case was that there was no actionable threat as the plaintiff was the manufacturer for disposal of the

The defendant submitted that the purpose of section 70(4) was to enable a person to warn off the "primary intringer", that is, the threats. That, his Lordship believed, to be correct: However, the defendant went on

to submit that the subsection should not be construed as being particular act of infringement because it would be absurd to allow threats to bring proceedings for infringement by way of manu-facture for disposal and not in respect of disposal when

The plaintiff submitted that the words of the subsection were clear.
They prevented proceedings being brought for threats alleged to consist of certain acts, namely making or importing a product for disposal or using a process.

His Lordship believed the plain-

tiff was right. The sub prevented proceedings being brought for threats which were alleged to consist of certain acts. The word "consist" confined the the types of alleged threats to the specified acts set out in the

The ambit of the words specifying those acis was not open to the meaning of the subsection vhich only prevented proceedings being brought for threats of making or importing a product for disposal or using a process. Other threats of proceedings against manufacturers or importers, for example, threats of proceedings alleging disposal or use did not fall within the subsection.

his Lordship had placed on the words in section 70(4), a parentee could make a threat against a person that he would be sued for manufacturing products for dis-posal, but could not threaten proceedings for the disposal of the product when manufactured.

Section 70 provided relief against abuse of monopoly. Subsection (4) was an exception added in the 1977 Act to allow warnings to given in certain circumstances, defined the acts of alleged fringement that were excluded and not the type of persons who

The division between the type of acts for which warnings were allowed without risk of suit and those that were not could be said to

appropriate warning. A patentee could give an ade-quate warning of intended proceedings by alleging that the manufacture of a product for

disposal would infringe the patent. On receipt of that letter, correspondence could ensue between the parties which would enable them to resolve their differences. It was not necessary for a

respect of the sale of the product

Before the judge, the defendant ubmitted that the action was an abuse of the process of the court in that it was only a vehicle to recover costs which should have been sought by order of the judge at the conclusion of the aborted hearing

Mr Van Hagen drew the court's attention to Order 13, rule 1 of the County Court Rules 1981 which permitted applications to be made ex parte and submitted that the plaintiff had made an application and therefore proceedings were in being at that time and that the court had had power to make an

order for costs. 'That submission could not be accepted. Applications in the county court had to be in writing unless leave was obtained from the court. No such application was made and no leave obtained. It made under the County Court

before the court, the plaintiff could not recover any costs without starting proceedings itself. It was not an abuse of process to star an action alleging unlawful threats and seeking to recover as damages the costs which had been incurred after it had received a threat of

The judge was wrong to strike ut the action and his order would

Lord Justice Neili and Sir John

Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Reynolds Porter

Midnight inspection offer was unreasonable

Johnson v Blackpool General Commissioners and Another

Johnson and Another v Same Before Mr Justice Robert Walker [Judgment February 6]

To comply with a precept issued by books, accounts and other docuinspector, a taxpaver must make them available at a time and place

To offer them for inspection at his home at one minute before midnight was so inconvenient as to be unreasonable.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing appeals by the taxpayers. Mr and Mrs W. J. Johnson, against the imposition of two penalties of £200 each by Blackpool General Commissioners for failure to comply with

precepts served on them under regulation 10(1)(b) of The General ommissioners (Jurisdiction and Procedure) Regulations (SI 1994 Mr Johnson in person; Mr

Tirtothy Brennan for the Crown. MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the notices served on the taxpayers required them to make various documents available for inspection by a tax inspector by February 25, 1995, so as to enable the general commissioners to determine their appeals against tax assessments for the years from 1989-90 to 1993-94.

On February 18 Mr Johnson wrote to the inspector that "our books and records will be available at exactly 23.59 hours" on Febпалу 25.

That gesture by Mr Johnson towards complying with the no-tices was unreasonable. In Camp-

sioners (1975) STC 311, 313) Mr Justice Templeman had said that when the commissioners have asked for certain documents ... and when the Act says the taxpayer is to 'make available', that puts on him a positive duty either to bring

them along or, if they are too bulky, to make them available by buny, to make usern available by sending to the tax inspector an invitation saying 'if you come along to' a designated place they will be available there for your

It was a clear and necessary implication that any such inspec-tion offered by a taxpayer must be at a reasonable time and place.

It was highly inconvenient and thoroughly unreasonable for the inspector to be asked by Mr ohnson to turn up at one minute before midnight.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.



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OPINION

After Birmingham, what? Sir Simon Rattle must go out and prove himself all over again



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The very epitome of a Victorian artist? The centenary shows for Lord Leighton shed new light

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Cézanne of the day: our celebration of the Tate show focuses on Woman with a Coffeepot



BASE NOTES

Dame Diana Rigg is expected to tour America with the National Theatre's Mother Courage

hat will Sir Simon Rattle do with the rest of his life? I have thought of little else since Tuesday, when our curly-mopped maestro made the musical world had been expecting for at least ten years. He is quitting his City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. When his contract expires. In 1998, he will have

served a stupendous 18 years.

Time for a fresh challenge. At 41.

he can't have more than another

six decades of conducting left. Where now? A depressing question, as Rattle surely realises. Naturally, there will be dozens of offers, loaded with dosh and larded with sycophancy. Not so much from the great European orchestras, perhaps. Rattle blew his chances with the Concertge bouw Orchestra in one dreadful night ten years ago. The Berlin Phil is wedded to Claudio Abbado, and the Vienna Phil has not had a principal conductor in 153 years.

But America: that's different. Of

Rattle can't sell out now, can he? has a conductor under 60. Any of them could come wooing Rattle: Boston has been mentioned most often. Or our boy could stay in

crowd with his carefully-nurtured "caring liberal" persona. It's fun playing the fantasyleague conducting game, is it not? There's just one problem. The whole notion of the "conductor superstar" might soon be irrelevent. Rattle is an astute chap: he must see how close the classical music world is to extinction. He may well have the stamina to sustain a career into the mid-21st century, but will there will be any

orchestras left to conduct by then?

Britain. He wouldn't touch the

London orchestras, of course. Who

would? But he might take on the

Royal Opera if he can reconcile the

task of amusing the £120-a-ticket

nobody has yet come near to cracking the "modern music prob-lem". There is good music being written, but concertgoers have been conned too often into listening to meretricious note-spinning: now they are wary of paying to hear anything new.
Sir John Drummond may attack

them (as he did on these pages last September) for being "intellectual-ly lazy". But the real intellectual sloths are the conductors, composers and impresarios who have ducked or botched the job of promoting the best new music to a wide public. They have con-demned the conductors of the future to being nothing more than museum curators offering guided tours of Brahms to ever-dwindling



RICHARD MORRISON

That is one reason for depres sion. There are more. For most of this century the record industry has been the motor of the classical music world. It has kept hundreds of orchestras in business: made

thousands of soloists and conduc-tors rich; turned a few into household names. Now the old motor is grinding to a halt-Everything that can be recorded has been, many times. Who needs another new Beethoven cycle? There are dozens in the vaults, just waiting to be snipped into lots of Wonderful World of Beethoven compilation CDs and retailed in supermarkets for £3.99.

That is had luck for Rattle and the other gifted conductors now slipping gracefully into late boyhood. Esa-Pekka Salonen, Mariss Jansons, Mark Elder, Riccardo Chailly: they are all victims of technological history. The record industry doesn't need them any more.

The question is, does anybody need them? In a spiritual sense, I

mean. A gripping new book — Charisma in Politics, Religion and the Media, by David Aberbach (published by Macmillan) - draws fascinating parallels between the traumatic early lives of leaders such as Churchill, Hitler and Roosevelt and those of entertainers like Chaplin, Lennon and Monroe who also exerted a quasimystical hold on mass audiences. Having "struggled for inner wholeness", these charismatic stars can better embody the frac-

tured mood of their nation. Aberbach doesn't mention conductors, but he easily might have done. Mahler. Klemperer, Kara-jan. Bernstein, Tennstedt, Giulini figures who are central to the notion of "the maestro" - fit his

lefinition very well. The problem with the Rattle generation is that they don't mea-

sure up in this charismatic sense. They are successful businessmen who lead comfortable lives. Their interpretations are often clever. but not wrenched from the black hole of trauma. How could they be? Yet if conductors are again to inspire the public, they must reclaim their mythic dimension.
Rattle could do that. It would be

easy for him to settle for super-rich comfort now. But that would betray all he stood for in Bir-mingham. There, he gave classical music a new social and civic purpose, a new audience and the makings of a new repertoire. Now he should attempt to do the same in the international arena.

I don't know how — or even whether it is possible at all. Henry Wood achieved it when he started the Proms, and Bernstein intermittently did so in the 1950s. But the world is a more fragmented place now. I just know that the mission to save classical music is urgent and that Rattle is possibly the only person capable of leading it.

Victorian volcano of bridled passion

John Russell Taylor goes in search of the inner life of

Lord Leighton on the centenary of his death

rederic, Baron Leighton was the very image of the Victorian artist as public figure. This meant, of course, something very different from our own conception of a life led in public. Nowadays we have endless documentation which tells us more, sometimes, than we might care to know about the emotional life and sexual preferences of, say, Jeff Koons or David Hockney. Not so in the 19th century. It is not that we are left in ignorance of the exterior facts, but what made them tick is often a very

different matter. With Leighton we have the image, all right; and an extremely imposing one it is, as the plethora of exhibitions marking the centenary of his death on January 25 amply confirm. The achievements roll past in majestic array: his first major public success with Cimabue finding Giotto in Fields of Florence before he had turned 20: elected an Associate RA in 1864, when he was 34; full RA in 1868; president of the RA in 1878 and knighted for good measure; made a baronet in 1885 and finally created a baron (the first artist to achieve such recognition) in the New Year Honours of 1896, less than a month before his death. His funeral was held at St Paul's.

We also know that he was regarded as one of the handsomest men of his day. much commemorated in paint, sculpture and photography. He was surrounded by a

hevy of adoring and ficrcely protective society ladies, but never married. There was never, Mrs Barrington, his first biographer, assures us. any hint of impropriety with any of his models, even though some of them were professionals, which normally meant

● Leighton Centenrial Ex-hibition, sponsored by Christie's, Royal Academy, London Wi (0171-139 7439). until April 21

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that they were no better than

If she does not also insist that no scandal attached to his host of young male protegės and his frequent painting of males in the nude, that was because any hint of such goings-on was unthinkable of him, even in the immediate aftermath of the Wilde trial. He was either unimaginably circumspect or totally celibate.

Does it matter which? Well, yes and no. To mark the centenary of his death. Leighton House is putting on a

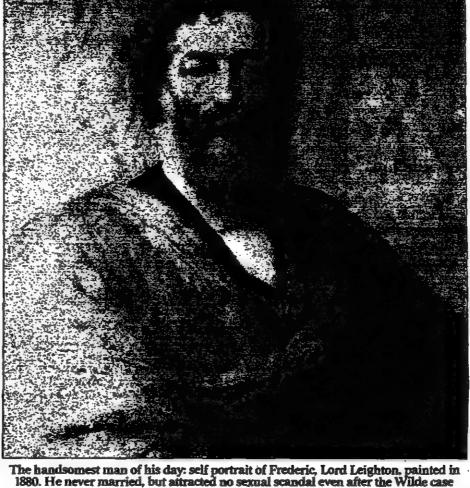
life there in Leighton's heyday. It must have been pretty luxurious, and the aesthetic splendour of the house's Arab Hall somehow suggests harems, exotic perfumes and strange sins. But in cold fact too high-minded.

But what or whom did he love, what or whom did he passionately desire? Or was he a great artistic technician but a sadly cold fish?

Leighton was the leader of what William Gaunt dubbed the "Victorian Olympians" and lived up to the label in his demeanour and his work. His subject matter is mainly from classical myth. There are occasional incursions into the Bible, but even in a nominally Old Testament image such as Jonathan's Token to David his visual world is firmly

At worst we might quote at him Arthur Hallam's warning to the young Tennyson: "Al fred, we cannot live in art." Leighton might reasonably answer that he did not: his life was full of teaching, working for the Royal Academy, helping the young and good works of all kinds. But essentially he

Most likely all we shall ever know, and all we need to know, about his inner life is in his art. It is not so much an art of escapism as the creation of a parallel world where all are beautiful, all movements are graceful, all colours are clearcut. But nothing in it is ever



Leighton was one of the most brilliant draughtsmen in an age of deep concern with the art of drawing. His major paintings were preceded by endless studies, as may be seen both at the Academy and at the Victoria and Albert, where his great murals of The Arts of industry Applied to War and to Peace have been cleaned and made the centre of displays which show every stage of their elaboration. Though he produced only

left vague, is not minutely three major sculptures, Leigh- sculptural form, and a numbecause of this skill in rendering physical action (the point is well taken in the sculptural show organised by Joanna Barnes at the Mattheisen Gallerv): but he also often worked out ideas for painting in

my show. Clearly his art was his reality, and its hard finish holds in check, but perhaps only just, a volcanic intensity of feeling. He is, more than anything else, the English

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THE original Cinémato-graphe show presented by the Lumière brothers in the Great Hall of the Regent Street Polytechnic on February 21 1896 is to be recreated on the same site exactly a hundred years later. The central London site, now part of the University of Westminster, will be used for a four-day Lumière Festival (Feb 19-22) organised by the university to mark the centenary of the British cinema. Members of

• ALTHOUGH newly ensconced at the Barbican as music director of the London Symphony Orchestra, the British conductor Sir Colin Davis is also spreading his wings across the Atlantic. The New York Philharmonic has announced that Davis is to be its principal guest conductor from the 1998-99 season. Only one other conductor — William Steinberg in 1967-68 — Philharmonic in its 154-year

history. Davis has had a long

the public will pay the original one-shilling (5p) admission price to see the programme.

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relationship with the New York orchestra: since 1968 he has conducted 43 concerts of

◆ ADD Mother Courage to the list of National Theatre shows heading for America. Jonathan Kent's production, starring Dame Diana Rigg. is being woodd for a tour starting in San Francisco later this year that would end up on Broadway, where Rigg won a Tony Award for her Medea two years ago. "If ever there was something I feel elated about doing, it's this," says the San Francisco-based producer Carole Shorenstein Hays.

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"She gazes towards us, her frowning solemnity offset by the hint of a smile": the magisterial splendour of Woman with a Coffeepot, c.1895. Musee d'Orsay, Paris

PERSPECTIVES ON A PIONEER: DAY'S Richard Cork continues his guide

to the Tate's Cézanne retrospective

T obody knows who this woman is, nor precisely when Cezanne painted her. But she has become one of the most unforgettable, iconic figures in Western art. The blue-robed sitter could

more imposl'aranne She gazes towards us. solemnity

offset by the hint of a smile. The thin hair flattened on her crown enables Cézanne to emphasise her head's essential, sculptural form. He stiffens the deep folds run-ning through the dress, so that her body takes on an almost metallic strength. Two rough hands rest on the ample expanse of her lap, but they seem ready for action. Indeed, the woman's entire body is creet and alert.

No doubt she welcomes the chance to savour her coffee. and take stock of the duties ahead. But even the coffeepot seems stern and vigilant, while the white cup rises from its luminous saucer with extraordinary forceful-

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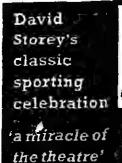
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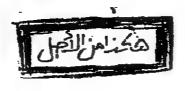




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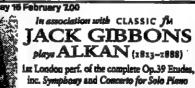
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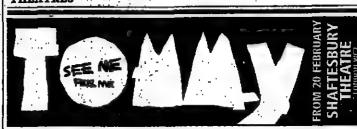
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ON MONDAY

How did Wagner fare? Rodney Milnes reviews the new Tristan and Isolde at the Coliseum

Just what took you so long?

Hilary Finch talks to a

nonagenarian Russian conductor

on the eve of his London debut

hen flya Alexand-rovich Musin makes his London conducting debut with the Royal Philharmonic at the Barbican next Saturday, he will be in his ninety-third or nmety-fourth year: it all depends on your historical viewpoint. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1903, by the old Russian calendar: and his birthday changed to January 7, 1904, when the Western calendar was later

St Petersburg, of course, got through three name changes when he and Shotakovich en-rolled together as 6 You ago when Musin

touch the sound with your harmonic in the programme of fingers ? lozart, Rimsky-Korsakov and Prokofiev which

he will be bringing to London.
Musin has been the single most important influence in forging the so-called Leningrad school of conducting, and with it a legacy of conductor-tupils such as Valery Gergiev. (akov Kreizberg, Semyon Bychkov and Mariss Jansons who are now shaping the musical fortunes of both Eastern and Western Europe. But Musin himself was caught in the wheel of time. The more visible fame and influence now enjoyed by his pupils was firmly denied him by history. He was one of the very few conductors who refused to join the "Creative Union of Musicians and Composers" in the years of Stalin. Consequently.

he did not exist. "In order to be

recognised as a musician, one

had to be constantly praising

any union, any party. Of course, it halted my career. But what I hate most is to be dependent on someone else." His musical fulfilment was

to come entirely through teaching. And he is as passion-ate about it today as he was when he worked with his first students at the St Petersburg Conservatoire. His philosophy is simply that "music must be made visible with the hands". Just how this was to be done, he had to find out for

himself, first learning from Nikolai Malko, the pupil of Rimsky-Korsakov who introduced Shostakovich's First Symphony to London in 1935, and,

above all, following closely every rehearsal of the conductors from the West who flooded into Leningrad in the car-The first move

it seems, is to throw away the baton. Yes, since the baton is the artificial nari of our conducting, something we add on to the arm. It is difficult, after all, to be expressive while clenching the fist. So much easier when you can touch the sound with the tips of your lingers." At a Royal Academy master

class recently, where the dreaded stick was much in evidence, Musin, a lean, dapper figure in tweed jacket and polished brogues, quietly tells his students to "relate to the baton as an artist relates to the brush. Not from the shoulder, but with the very tip. And, as a planist takes the sound from the plano, so you must take the sound from your players. Feel how many sounds there are within each beat."

As for the beat itself, "the: first thing is to create an-



Getting the point: Ilya Musin, 92, instructs student conductor Ilan Volkov, 19, at the Royal Academy of Music

underlying rhythm for the players, and this is done with the wrist. Many other gestures are used to break that rhythm. But whatever you do with the arm, throw your wrist at the rhythm. Show the last beat in the bar by lowering the wrist and hitting the beat. Now, one, two, three one two."

here will sadly be no Shostakovich in the Barbican शुक्रमामान्य और अमेरिक ing three heart attacks, Musin feels "spiritually and emotionally more than easer to conbody will not have it". What remains, though, are his memories. Of that first day when they stood on the steps of the St Petersburg Conservatoire together: he 16, Shostakovich 13, Of the day when he and a group of friends, sat in the apartment of Rimsky-Korsa-kov's nephew and listened to Shostakovich playing the first two movements of his First Symphony at the piano. Of the day when the two of them sat together at the piano and hammered their way through four-hand transcriptions of all

of Wagner's overtures . . .

strong personal view on the still-vexed subject of the Fifth Symphony. Was it an apology to Stalin for previous anti-Soviet works? The Times obituary, after all, declared that Shostakovich was a "committed believer in Communism and Soviet power". Was it, as Testimony, the famous memoirs related to Solomon Volkov, would have it, rather the voice of Shostakovich as yurodivy, or wise fool, revealing the lashes of the whip which cried: "You must rejoice, you must rejoice"? "I have never read Volkov's

book. It wasn't available to

me. But I feel it is probably closer to the truth than anyone could ever expect. For me, the Fifth Symphony is Shostakovich's only self-portrait. Through the conspiracy of music he showed his true self. "As my student Semyon

Bychkov once put it, the end-ing is emphatically not about rejoicing. What it says is: 'Beat me harder! Beat me harder! Beat me harder!" The audience at the premiere wept. They knew well what the work

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Rising stars in the arts firmament **BELINDA HATLEY**

Age: 25

Profession: Soloist with Royal Ballet

How it all began: Started dance lessons in a church Royal Ballet School at 13. "I almost didn't get there. Just before my audition I was struck down with appendicitis. Luckily they didn't have to take it out or I would have missed my audition." Joined Covent Garden in



A bite of the cherry: Last season she got her first

Aurora, thanks to the indisposition of the leading ballerinas. "It made me so hungry for more. It gave me a surge of confidence. I want to build on that now, I am desperate for more shows." Still waiting for the chance to do another full-length role. In the meantime, she is busy starring in Matthew Hart's new ballet, Dances with Death. in which she plays a woman fighting the Aids virus.

But she cannot fight the hierarchy of a large ballet company: "It is difficult not being able to choose your own roles. It gives you a dreadful sense of paranoia and selfdoubt; it's constantly like auditioning. The hopes and then the disappointments when the cast sheet goes up."

There is a lot of competition: "When I stand behind Sylvie Guillem in class, I think to myself, 'Why did I ever start?" But you can't compare yourself to someone else; that's the beginning of the end."

More than a passing resemblance to Ian Botham? "I think I am a good all-rounder. I don't shine in any one area but I can lend myself to very classical work or Balanchine or Ashton." Add humility to her list of virtues: she's a really

The worst part of the job: "The long hours, especially on those days when I am in at Sam to put on my make-up, then spend all day in class and rehearsal. Then having to get ready for a performance, then the performance, and the curtain comes down at 10.30pm. I had a day like that

What happens in 1997 when Covent Garden closes? "I think we're all worried about the future. We'll probably be touring a lot, but what people are concerned about is how much repertoire we will be able to sustain on the road. They see a long line of Swan Lakes and Sleeping Beauties looming. But the Opera House needs to be redeveloped. There are holes on the stage — very dangerous in our pointe shoes — and when it rains during a performance, you have to dance around the puddles."

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Devolution is not a revolution

Lord Irvine defends Labour's proposed Scottish parliament

y opponent on the Woolsack, the Lord Chancellor, has an article in The Times on February 7) in the party political debate, with his attempt to take Labour to task over its proposals for constitutional change in general and devolution to Scotland in particular. But his anack is riddled with

Lord Mackay of Clashfern rightly extols the virtues of the Union. As a Scot who practises law in England, I too value the bonds of friendship, common history and common interest which keep our two countries together. But Lord Mackay conflates the desire for reform of the Union and renewal of the friendship between Scot-land and England through devolution with the breaking of the Union.

Devolution will establish a Scottish parliament firmly within the Union. It has, at one time or another, been supported by all the main political parties, including the Conservatives. In the Declaration of Perth in 1968. Ted Heath said: "This then is our desire: to keep the United Kingdom united, but at the same time to see power more widely dif-fused within the framework of

a united country." Those sentiments were held by many Conservatives during the 1970s, though few dare

speak them today. The Union is a partnership of the nations which would be strengthened if Westminster decides to respond to a deep sense of grievance in Scotland. The danger to the Union is to refuse to listen to the people, or to say, as the Conservatives do, "you may vote for separation if you wish, but it is not legitimate to vote for a reformed Union".

Lord Mackay is confident that a Scottish parliament could not improve policy in such areas as the Scottish educational or legal systems. justified when the whole point of devolution is to bring decision-making closer to the people and to pursue policies which command popular support? It is precisely the feeling that central government ignores Scottish opinion that has given rise to the strong support for devolution.

Lord Mackay should remember how Scotland's sense of grievance was fanned to an unprecedented level of bitterness when his Government used Scotland as a laboratory for the poll tax a year before England and against the wishes of practically every Scot. And does he for a moment believe that a Scottish parliament would have taken Scotland's water services out of local control and placed them in the hands of unelected

quangos? The great flaw in Lord Mackay's argument is his inconsistency in saying both that the Edinburgh parlia-ment would be a sop and that dom would then be but a step away". The Tories cannot make up their minds whether or not devolution is a meaningless or a substantial reform, and in their confusion they are left arguing that meaningful change is impossible. If Lord Mackay believes devolution is a sop, then why

would it undermine the

The truth is that Conservative rhetoric on this matter has lost touch with the reality. Devolution is a sensible, practical policy for the decentralisation of government within the United Kingdom. This is acknowledged by the Government in its plans for a legislative assembly for Northern Ireland as part of a package designed to keep that part of the United Kingdom in the Union. It simply will not wash to advocate such policies but at the same time to argue that devolution proposed for any-where else would be a constitutional catastrophe.

Scotland already enjoys a substantial degree of administrative devolution. The prob-lem is that there is no direct accountability to the Scottish people. Labour proposes to make this extensive administrative devolution, and distinct law-making, properly ac-countable to the people while preserving the immense value of the Union.

Lord Mackay raises the socalled West Lothian Question. which in truth is not a question, but a consequence of preserving the Union. The British constitution grows pragmatically, not by abstract theory. What Labour proposes is a constitutional settlement which will strengthen the Union, not imperil it.

clear distribution of functions between a Scottish parliament and the United Kingdom Parand the United Kingdom Par-liament should prevent dis-putes arising but if, over time, any should arise they would be dealt with either by the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords or the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which amounts to much the same thing.
On taxation, there is no

constitutional reason why a law-making body should not have some room for flexibility over its budget. After all, this is a power which is granted to every local authority in the land and one many Conservatives in the 1970s thought the Scottish assembly should have. Nobody in Scotland should pay a penny more or less in tax unless parties have placed such a plan before the electors. And as George Robertson has said, we have no plans to raise taxes.

To try to polarise the debate between the unhappy status quo or separatism is absurd. as is the charge that devolution and separatism are blood relations. Many countries have devolved power successfully, and have unleashed the talents and diversity of the nations within them. In Britain there is great potential in following a similar path.

The Union has served us well, and it must be presented for the future. Conservatives do it no service by arguing that reform is impossible in the face of the clamour for change from Scotland. Reform is both possible and desirable, and will be carried through by Labour. And when it happens. Lord Mackay and I, as Scots who spend our working lives in England, can be sure that we will have a Union better equipped to face the challenges of the future. Lord Irane of Lairg. QC. is Shadow Lord Chancellor.

Tim Hames on the Republican warhorse whose campaign for the White House opens on Monday

e is 72 years old in a nation that prides itself on youth and vitality. He is a career politician who came to Washington when President Kennedy was inaugurated, running in an era when Americans hate Congress: a moderate in a party apparently full of Biblebashing, gun-loving, tax-hating conservatives. Yet, despite all this, and over \$25 million of advertising spent by one opponent alone, the odds are still heavily on Robert Dole becoming the Republican candidate for President. In temperatures that could well fall 20 degrees below freezing, the citizens of lowa, gathered in more than 2,000 meetings, will decide on Monday whether the Senator from Kansas is indeed the inevitable man that he seems.

The Dole candidacy often seems like a throwback to a bygone world. The last political survivor of the Second World War generation gear-ing himself up to challenge the first President of the Vietnam avoidance brigade. Having failed spectacularly as a vice-presidential candidate in 1976 and presidential aspirant in 1980 and 1988, sunk by the electors of New Hampshire on both occasions, he aims to defy the past, his age, and the deep pockets of his rival Steve Forbes,

The smart money is still on Bob Dole

hyperactive, but not particularly effective, leadership from the selfproclaimed baby-boom President, with a White House manned by twentysomethings, older Americans respond enthusiastically to the Dole campaign call for adult leadership and "it's time for the grownups". The striking contrast between his own service in war - wounds which left him in various hospitals for four years, with a right arm that never recovered — and the self-pitying neurosis of so many of Bill Clinton's contemporaries, is the basis of the Senator's support. Age may be an issue, but so is character. Character is

the Dole campaign theme. For all their public distaste for politicians. Americans tend to prefer men they know in the White House, to grasp his party's greatest prize.

Dole's survival, and probable triumph, are in part because his seeming liabilities are, in practice, his already the longest and swiftly regret their more sponta-neous choices. Every Republican in

serving Senate Republican leader this century. Since 1992 he has been exclusively, or in combination with the mercurial Newt Gingrich, the nearest the American political system has known to a Leader of the Opposition. Unlike in Britain, this position is usually not an asset. If Dole is victorious he will be the first Senate majority leader in American history to win a nomination.

Dole is the party man through and through. Probably his biggest asset in 1996 is support from Republican governors of America's states. They control the local party organisation and influence Republican activists. in Iowa, Dole is supported by the longest-serving governor in the country, in New Hampshire, by one of the most popular. If his campaign stum-bles in either state, he is cushioned by backing from other office-holders. He also benefits from the opposi-

tion. The candidates who might have

Colin Powell - never emerged. The Republican pack has failed to capture the public imagination. The large conservative vote has been sliced up between Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and now Steve Forbes, among others, allowing no single alternative to surge forward. Unless the electors of

Iowa and New Hampshire are unusually decisive, none will.

The Forbes phenomenon of recent weeks has said much about the weakness of the rest. Last weekend, Mr Forbes aired a staggering 300 campaign commercials in New Hampshire. Despite these saturation tactics, his bandwagon seems to have stopped and support is returning to the front-runner. The ultimate impact of the Forbes millions, like the protracted teasing from Colin Powell, may have been to help the Senator by choking the candidacies of others. In truth, Bob Dole's real - and

night is none of the nine different contenders but an invisible one called "expectations". Having held convincing leads over his rivals in all national polls for well over two yearn. his task is to win well.

For the American press, this contest has been a dull affair. Pundits will scrutinise the Dole vote in Iowa less against those of Forbes, Gramm and Buchanan, than against his own 37 per cent, which he achieved when soundly beating George Bush here in 1988. The Senator's team have noted dryly that press expectations for the New Hampshire primary are not taking his disappointing 27 per cent showing there in 1988 as the benchmark. But if he comes first in the opening two contests by double-digit margins, the Republican race is

effectively over. Can the inevitable man become President? The White House calls him their favourite opponent. Polls at present are encouraging for the President. Clinton has made the most of Republican efforts to take difficult decisions since they won control of Congress. However, this argument is familiar. We have recent experience of a southern Democrat President seeking re-election against a Republican "too old and unelectable". The election was 1980. Ronald Reagan had the last laugh in that encounter. Dr Tim Hames is a lecturer in politics at

Pilgrims of the blockbuster

Cézanne was a self-publicist who would have delighted in the attention and recognition

being paid to his work by the public who have queued for hours to see it

The question is: can Cézanne beat Picasso? Matisse did. But then Matisse worldwide beat Monet, who beat Picasso, who beat Manet. Vermeer is coming through strong, though he will suffer from being in The Hague. None of them beats

The Cézanne show that moved from Paris to open this week at the Tate is a sensation. Says the ticket agent: "It's comparable with a major rock act like Bruce Springsteen." The hyperbole begins with attendance figures and goes on to money. The entrance charge is £7 and the booking office is perpetually engaged. Queues stretch round the block and up into Pimlico. Visitors by the thousand will crawl into Cezanne, and crawl out again exhausted,

apparently purged to face the world.

The art blockbuster seems to leave everyone better off. It takes paintings, which cost little to create, and adds huge value to them. Among the cognoscenti, the critics praise the art and sneer

Conservatives sneer at the art and sneer at the queues as well. Artists keep their counsel, but they too sneer at the

queues. The public disregards them ali and enjoys Cezanne. It not only looks at the paintings but buys Cezanne videos. Cezanne cookbooks, Cézanne mugs, Ceranne diaries and Ceranne

CD-Roms. People can paint their own Cezanne by computer. They can sign up for Cezanne tours of Aix. On television they can watch poets and painters trotting up Mont Ste-Victoire to handle Cezanne's sacred rocks. The catalogue is so vast as to be unusable in the exhibition and unreadable in bed. It splits the bottom of its Cézanne plastic bag. Like an illuminated missal it is best kept chained to a lectern. (But then it is a modern illuminated missal.)

At the opening banquet, guests met real-life Cezanno descendants. They pretended they were at Le Tholonet and ate aubergine with goat's cheese and tapenade, followed by lamb with ragout of fennel, red pepper and olives. They sipped Côtes de Provence, marvelled at the Cezanne table settings and praised Ernst & Young for its sponsorship. The less fortunate could eat "Cezannewiches" at Pret A Manger and buy Cezanne scarves at Harvey Nichols. The Ceranne family contrives to take a cut by endorsing the souvenirs.

Critics like to ask what Cezanne would have made of it ail. A paradox is declared between the grandeur of the blockbuster and the historic struggle of its poor, neglected instigator. From this paradox a judgment is engineered, that there is something obscene about the rich wining and dining, wheeling and dealing over the grave of a humble artist. His name should not be associated with retail products nor the public induced to part with £7 at his door. We should all stand before him in hairshirts. A BBC radio discussion this week declared collective horror at the commercialising of Cézanne. A man from the ICA registered a formal protest. A writer in The Independent concluded that, had he known of the Tate

success, Cézanne would have stayed at home. I don't believe it. Cézanne was famously eager for recognition. A tetchy misanthrope who inherited family money and was never poor, he longed to hang in a museum and be appreciated by many. His life was uneventful and uninteresting and his reclusive nature left others to interpret his work. His 20 artistic principles, set out for the artist Emile Bernard (who thought him divine), are mostly banalities about nature and colour. From what little we know of him, had he heard that thousands were lining the streets of Paris. London and Philadelphia in his honour, he would have been amazed, delighted and rather smug.

The modern blockbuster is wholly justified. It offers the museum the opportunity to throw open its doors and admit the public to its cultural sanctuary. By exploiting the media's love of a personality and an event, the Tate Gallery can transmit its message to a new audience. That Cezanne, an aloof and not easily accessible talent, should be the artist

to break records is astonishing. Perhaps there is hope that contemporary art might return to its professed roots in his work, and start the 20th century over again.

Such shows encourage us to concentrate on one message, to learn and to enjoy. At the Tate, the message is that "painting after nature is not copying the objective, it is realising our sensations". To this end, wrote Cezanne, "there are no lines, no modelling, there are only contrasts produced by colour. A one-man show is like a difficult symphony, the more attention we pay it the more we are likely to appreciate. Nor does the hyperbole get in the way. The fragment of Cézanne I glimpsed on the side of a shopping bag brought his art to life more than a dozen pictures. The movement of a television lens across a canvas captured the quality of his brushwork better than the naked eye. Cézanne might have been shocked at the distortion of his colours in ceramic, fabric and plastic reproduction, but even these help to attune the vision and draw us back to the original.

My one quarrel with the Tate show is its lighting. I saw the exhibition in Paris, where the light was different. In London the pictures are hung on bright walls, as if on a bleached Provençal hill. The light battles with the colours and can make them dull. Many of the pictures seem to shrink into their frames as if suffering agoraphobia amid the dazzle. The nudes look



Cézanne's Seif Portrait in a White Cap, 1881-82, part of the exhibition at the Tate Gallery, London, which has spawned an array of merchandise

peculiarly naked. This may suit the greens and browns of the landscapes and the shifting shades of Mont Ste-Victoire.

These pictures look better in London. In Paris the walls were darker, some very dark indeed. Light was concentrated on the canvases and here the colours glowed from within, like stained glass. The effect was wholly different. This particularly transformed the portraits. Spotlit in shadow, sad, introspective, often sombre, they drew the viewer into a private conversation between Cezanne and his subject. The central octagon in the Paris show, containing the Woman with the Rosary, the Man with Crossed Arms and the portrait of Ambroise Vollard, gave Cezanne's faces the ntensity of Rembrandt.

Visiting these vast shows, I realise that the modern museum has become a secular cathedral. Its special exhibitions are sacramental rituals, festivals of joy in art but also pilgrimages of grace. Art galleries are magnets not just of nations but of whole continents. Like medieval shrines, they are huge economic generators. A survey of the 1992 Matisse show

in New York found that 70 per cent of out-of-town visitors came specifically to see it, spending an average of £300 in the city. The Metropolitan Museum is now New York's biggest tourist attraction.

Cézanne's art might seem introverted and his subject matter distant, repetitive and even dull. But then so was the teaching of the mystics and the rituals of the medieval Church. Millions travelled to Vézelay, Canterbury and Santiago from all over Europe — enduring worse conditions than the Victoria Line southbound. Cezanine's paintings are removed from their contexts, miles from Provence, pinned to blank walls in lofty rooms. They are detached icons, mostly glimpsed beyond a silhouette of moving heads and shoulders. For many of the crowds that flock to them they must seem unreal.

Yet half a million people will visit Cezanne by the end of April. The power of the exhibition, the power of pilgrimage and congregation, cannot be denied. I must assume that these exhibitions offer us absolution for our aesthetic sins. The blockbuster has become the leading cultural ceremony of the age.

Don't call us

AN ESCORT agency has been doing a roaring trade courtesy of the American embassy in London. Its number has inadvertently appeared on visa application forms.

Instead of the sympathetic tones of an American official, the number on hundreds of forms distributed by the US Embassy is answered by a lady's inviting voice on a recorded message. "Hi!, and thanks for calling Let's Talk," she says. "The service that puts you in touch with

I'M AFRAID IT NEEDS MORE THAN A FACELIFT ME COLLINS



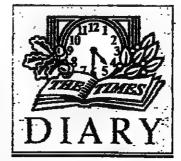
your kind of people." The tape then invites its callers to leave a personal communication on its "message exchange service for adults only

After making my excuses, I telephoned the Embassy's main switchboard - no sweet invitations there. "Nobody knew that a typographical error had been made." smarmed a spokesman. "I believe it's called the Rex Escort agency. It was printed on forms for people who are seeking temporary work visas. I can say that it only affected two or three people a day."

The US Ambassador, Admira! William Crowe, remains unaware of the diversion. But one applicant for a temporary work permit was taken aback. "I asked my wife to make the call to the Embassy and she's beginning to wonder what kind of work I'm after."

Foreign body

POP MUSIC promoters are grappling with a new concept - that of nationality. They have been trying to suggest that Björk, an elfin doli from Iceland, is in fact British. The



feeble attempt comes as a result of BBC Radio I's plans this month for a British Music Week in which only British bands will be aired.

Björk's promoters stake their claim on the fact that she hav paid British taxes and her child was born in Britain. Tina Turner's record company has also claimed British citizenship for its big-haired singer. Radio 1's reply to Björk's people was succinct and made three points: "I She's not British. 2 Er ... 3 Thai's it."

Back pay

A TALE of Byzantine complexity unfoids in the Irish Republic concerning the country's tax commissioners. Eight years ago the commissioners hired a Dublin

public relations firm. Murray Consultants, to advise them on the campaign to introduce the selfassessment of income tax and in 1988 the scheme was launched. Unhappily, three directors of the

firm were uncovered this month as participants in an elaborate scheme to minimise tax liabilities involving a Panamanian-registered company. The Revenue paid its PR company \$88,000 for advice. But the three directors have been obliged to pay £1 million in back taxes to the Revenue.

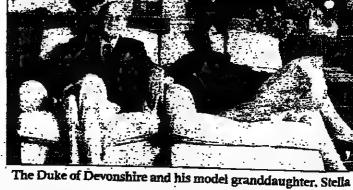


Milton Shulman: a lost voice

• George Bush, the former US President, arrived late, damp and dishevelled for lunch vesterday at the Banquering House in White-hall. Rather than risk road rage, he had jumped out of his chauffeur-driven car and walked to avoid the jams. He said it was a mile in the rain: others estimated 100 yards.

Critical shot

STAFF AT the London Evening Standard are more nervous than ever. Max Hastings, the gun-toting Editor who took over the helm of the local tabloid last month, delivered a most brutal blow yesterday when he asked the veteran columnist Milton Shulman to leave after almost half a century on the paper. Shulman joined as film critic in 1948 and has written on a wide range of subjects. He became wellknown outside London for his regular appearances on Radio 4's Stop. The Week. I have been there 48 years so it came as quite a shock," says Shulman, who received the news in a letter yesterday. "I was told there was no place for my column in the new make-up of the paper." Next Friday's weekly column is expected to be his last. His



featured a cartoon of the great man stuff than some of her dippier

sitting in a coffin. Being a Goon fan, the Prince of Wales must be disappointed not to have had time during his visit to Dubrovnik to look up his relations

in the area. Through his greatgrandmother, Queen Mary, he is descended from one Hermann I. Count of Cilly (pronounced "silly".)

Little lamb

SUPERMODELS are famous for their tantrums and their time-keeping ability — or the lack of it. But Stella Termant, the new face of piece yesterday, about obituaries, . Chanel, is a girl made of sterner

colleagues. Her grandmother, the luminous

Duchess of Devonshire, offers a revealing comment on her statuesque descendant and suggests in the latest issue of Vogue that she should be in the lambing sheds, rather than on the carwalk. "She's so good at lambing," insists Her Grace.
"Stella would help in the lambing sheds even when she was a little girl. She was always very good with animals." Stella's modelling days aren't over yet. Sowever. Chaisworth is festooned with modish pictures of the new supermodel.

SHROUDED IN MYTHS

Europe prefers tall tales to straight-talking

Rational debate about the future of the European Union is bedevilled by the small print and the big idea. The European Commission may produce acres of close-printed paper: but, amid all the detail, fact and myth sit

But others threaten Europe's very peace and security. Sceptics are often attacked for reducing the future of Europe to a straight banana or a dirty cyster. But the case for cooperation among the nation states of Europe is in greater danger from the folly of pocket statesmen than the ridicule of over-eager sceptics. The myths that do real damage to Europe are the dreams of its over-ambitious politicians. In an occasional series of leading articles - which starts today - The Times

Supporters of the Commission have some right to feel aggrieved at the speed with which the most tendentious interpretation of a tentatively-tabled directive is presented as an imminent threat to the British way of life. The willingness of the British press and public to believe that trawlermen could not put to sea without a case of contraceptives on board or exhausted oysters needed regular st owers on their way to the shops has infur-ised apologists for integration. By the time officials had clarified matters the damage

Yet the myths would not have flourished unless there had been fertile soil. The tendency of the Commission to intrude, in Douglas Hurd's words "into the nooks and crannies of national life", with regulations on everything from abattoirs to metrication, creates a climate where the public are willing to believe the latest myth. The press and politicians would not be believed if they invented scare stories that did not chime with experience. The fictional condoms and flagging oysters are really the Commission's al-

lies, a warning not to overreach oneself. The myths that matter more are the false assumptions and shallow arguments that

Pope John Paul II is unwell, hoarse of voice.

hock-white of hair and untiring. He is now

n Latin America, on his 69th tour of duty

ibroad, and his visit has raised a cloud of

juestions. Questions are raised whenever he

ravels, but nowhere else more clamorously

Their focus is not always purely doctrinal:

n Latin America, for reasons to do with the

feculiar local history of the Roman Catholic

Church, papal visits have always been inten-

Nolitical. The Pope is not there a neutral

re, and is claimed by all sides of the polit-

debate, often in competition. Yet on this

prest visit, more acutely than on any

kn vious one, he has faced a new and daunt-

m; question: how to arrest the decline in the

fi misphere of the Roman Catholic Church.

fi His Church was once the most dynamic in

Fe area: the continent was conquered in the

ame of Iberian kings and Rome, and Popes

or long provided the spiritual cement for an

mpressive, if cruel, imperial edifice. But

vhile the Church's role in politics has been

guaranteed since Christopher Columbus, its

decline has quickened in recent decades.

There are reasons for this, of course, only

The most important is the sharp improve-

ment in the quality of Latin American

government. With the exception of Cuba,

there is now no Latin American country that

is not in harmony with some kind of

democratic form. Take but three of the

Central American countries to which he has

travelled on this visit - El Salvador,

Nicaragua and Guatemala. Each one has

Thousands of bird-watchers are flocking to

the Robinswood Hill Country Park in

Gloucester, twitchy for the first glimpse of

the Siberian waxwing, Bombycilla garrulus.

driven southwest from its usual habitat by

In recent man-watching, nothing has been

more remarkable than the evolution of the

Twitcher, Homo avicollector, from a solitary

human to one that swarms. Even its

plumage has changed with its habits. Once

identifiable by its shabby camouflage ano-

rak and woolly hat, its socialisation has

reclothed it in designer waterproofs in many

colours. But its feet remain wellies, usually

green. And although they have grown larger, its eye-markings by high-power

camera telescopes and binoculars are un-

mistakable. The female is still less sociable

Identification: 66" (168cm). Plumage

mainly tanktops in greens and dull browns.

Travelling outline action recalls the antique

Trainspotter, Homo nerdissimus, though it

more volatile. Feeding habits (sandwiches

Tupperware, Thermos) suggesting the

y Scout or the Rambler. Voice: Trilling of

pubile phone. Come quick, come quick.

Hatitat: Parks and other public spaces

when e rumours of rare birds spread. I envy

by friend Ivan, who along with 10,000 other waxwings has been driven by the cold to

Twitchers are enthusiasts who will hire

helicopters to travel hundreds of miles in

order to collect sightings of rare birds, as

parts of Britain unvisited by Twitchers.

and more sombrely clad than the male.

the cold snap. A waxwing writes:

some of which should worry the Pope.

han in his New World "heartland".

LATIN POPE

The pontiff travels to a transformed continent

underpin the drive to integration. Europe's institutions are being shaped by politicians whose rhetoric makes the case for douching shellfish seem reasonable. There are three main families of myths deployed in place of reason when Europe's future is explored.

The first are the "slow slide" fallacies, which hold that co-operation should lead eventually to convergence and then to conformity. It is the rationale for the myth that a single market needs a single currency, and the "social dimension" in Europe should see labour costs harmonised between Stockholm and Salonika.

clusion before a consensus can be reached. tained towards the pre-determined goal.

The third are the mandarin pieties used by those who prefer diplomacy to democracy. Sovereignty, it is suggested, is an outdated concept. In the next breath we are told it should be traded for influence. If it is out-ofdate how much influence can it buy a country? Additionally, it is argued, greater clout will be wielded by the EU acting together than any nation acting alone. The advocates of that case might examine with profit the record of EU action in the former Yugoslavia. The EU has proved itself a eunuch abroad. It looks impressive but the increase

There is an intellectually coherent and under-stated case to be made for closer European co-operation. Its merits are obscured by the myth-makers. Over the coming days we will look at examples of their more

had recently, or is about to conduct, a free

and fair election: and they are all part of a

hemisphere-wide phenomenon. The democ-

ratisation of politics - and its attendant

economic benefits - have succeeded in

reducing the allure for many of the more

in conflict with the Catholic Establishment

has always been clearly pronounced — their

Catholic identity has never been open to

question. They were the "wayward" sons.

whose return to the fold was always thought

Freer politics and the remarkable, conti-

nent-wide decline in human rights abuses

have, on the whole, sharpened the divide

between Church and politics: the "disad-

vantaged" no longer look to radical priests

for succour, and the "advantaged" no longer

rely on the clerical establishment for a

This ebbing away of politics from religion,

however, has served to open the way for

other, charismatic "Protestant" sects to

make inroads in populations which were

once the preserve of Rome. Roman Catholi-

cism, which was once the fastest-growing

religion in Latin America, is now the fastest-

shrinking faith. Only by returning to its true

pastoral business can the Catholic Church

face its sprightly new competitors. That is a

point which the Pope, in spite of his fatigue

and ill-health, will have impressed on his

hosts with force: drop the partisan politics

though they were stamps. Like out-of-

context philatelists, they become so lost in

twitching that they refuse to snap any

creature other than shipwrecked birds. As

such, they can be as destructive as pigeons.

in East Anglia devastated a farmer's crops

on a Midlands marsh. It turned out to be a

taxidermist's heron stuck up the tree by a

rogue. Too often Twitchers have stood by as

audience while their nara avis has been

Gilbert White, twitching curate of

Selborne, started the Twitcher habit of

feeding the pigeons otherwise than to the cat.

When the first field guides were published a

generation ago, the membership of the

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds was

7,000. Since then it has increased by a

hundredfold, and is now larger than the

membership of the Conservative Party.

Britain's champion Twitcher has more than

502 species logged in his notebook, and is

As a northern waxwing in these cold days,

should prefer a less realous habitat than

this weekend convocation of Twitchers. I

should rather be with Ivan and Serge. But at

least Twitchers do not shoot us birds, except

with their camcorders. As the careful

biologists say. Twitchers may not be a good

thing, but they are not bad either.

confident of adding to the number today.

eaten by a less sexy hawk or owl.

A five-alarm twitch for a Houbara bustard

for the sake of the Church.

TWITCHY HABITS

A Russian waxwing writes home from his English holiday

flavour of legitimacy.

to be a matter of time and political change

While liberation theologians were always

and under Pope John Paul II, this conflict

combative "liberation theology".

Yours sincerely MARION RALLS, Secretary. 22 Royal Circus. The New Town, Edinburgh. February 8.

From Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwickupon-Tweed (Liberal Democrat)

land, would be devolved.

I do not recall any word of objection from him when the Prime Minister put forward the possibility of a Northern Ireland Assembly with devolved powers, which would leave Northern Ireland MPs at Westminster in exactly the same position. Nor, indeed, do I recall any word of objection from Conservatives and Unionists when this situation existed prior to the abolition of the Northern Ireland Parliament.

Yours faithfully. ALAN BEITH. February 7.

Curriculum tests

From Mr David Hawker

presses a common misconception about the results of national school

national curriculum.

Level 4 is an expectation of achieve or above.

Far from being 100 easy, they show

the tests were introduced in 1991.

DAVID HAWKER Statutory Assessment, 5-[4]. Newcombe House.

Retirement villages

From Dame Alison Munro and Dr C. J. T. Bateman

Sir. Before dismissing the proposal for a "US-style retirement haven" in Essex (report and leading article, January 21), it is a pity you did not take more time to ask why this type of village is so popular in the US and other countries and whether it might not fill a need here.

prefer to stay in their own homes, many do not have homes or families that would allow for "the other ages" baby-sining, speciacle-searching and changing the video". If you ask any

dread being isolated and lonely when they lose their mobility. This is particularly distressing when couples become separated when one is removed to a home. To all this must be added the financial worries of old age.

trust we hope to obtain planning per-

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be fixed to 0171-782-5046.

mission to build a village on similar lines in West Sussex. Here the residents will have the opportunity of a high quality life combined with the knowledge that all their care needs can be met without a further move.

It is nonsense to suggest that such villages are fortresses" or "ghetros". There can be plenty of liaison with the local community, and young company is anyway not a sine qua non of elderly enjoyment.

Yours sincerely ALISON MUNRO. CHRISTOPHER BATEMAN (Medical Director), St Richard's Hospital. Chichester, West Susser,

First impressions of Tate's Cézannes

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir. The attention being given to the Céranne exhibition at the Tate (reports and leading article, February S) should remind us that up and down the country there are many local authority and university museums which. more often than not, are unable to afford a special loan exhibition of works

For a modest outlay of £5 million a year, perhaps funded from the pro-ceeds of the National Lottery, an important number of such exhibitions could be held throughout the UK.

The scheme could possibly be administered by the Museums and Galleries Commission and the annual subvention to any one institution limited to say £50,000.

Yours faithfully, HUGH LEGCATT, Plat 1. 10 Bury Street. St James's, SWI. February 9.

From Mr Nick McDowell

Sir, The Cézanne show which I visited yesterday was ruined for me by what

seems like a logistical absurdity.
Cezanne painted figures, still-lifes, bathers, views of Mont Sainte-Victoire throughout his life. The chief interest for me in seeing a body of his work is in assessing the ways in which his treatment of these subjects changed

during his life.

Due, doubtless, to the constraints imposed by the ubiquitous personal stereos which provide a spoken tour through the exhibition by strict chronology, any opportunity of viewing, contiguously, bathing scenes (for example) from the early, middle and late periods has been sacrificed. Only by sprinting from room to room, endangering the hordes of students sitting on the floor sketching and myself, was I able to make comparisons between the bathers of each period.

What we need is a bathers room, a Mont Sainte-Victoire room, a still-lifes room and two rooms of portraits. Then Cezanne's modernism will be clear to students, sprinters and stereo-carriers alike. Take the pictures down, I say, and try again.

I am, Sir, your faithfully, NICK McDOWELL, The White Lodge, 55 Grove Park, SES. February 8.

From Sir Kit McMahon

Sir, It may be that, as Thomas Stuttaford suggests (Medical briefing, February 9), the laxative properties which apples were widely perceived to possess inclined Cezanne to paint them so often (though this explanation would leave open the question why all other 19th-century still-lifes were not also filled with apples).

As it happens, however, the painter himself gave another explanation, saying with a smile, late in life. "You know Cezanne's apples have their origin in a very distant past".

When he was at school in Aix, Emile Zola was also a pupil. Although the same age as Cézanne, he was placed two classes lower, and for this, together with his shyness, shortsightedness, bad accent, poverty and fatherlessness, was unmercifully builted.

Cézanne took his part, befriending him, and as a result, was on one occasion himself beaten by the other boys. Emile was touched by this and the next day brought his friend Paul a large basket of apples (Henri Perruchot: Cézanne, translated by Humphrey Hare, Perpetua Books, 1961).

Yours faithfully, KIT McMAHON, The Old House, Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton, Nr Stroud, Gloucestershire,

Bothered by bells

February 9.

From Mr E. W. Houghton

Sir, Good news for those reportedly unfortunate people of Maidstone, Kent, who, according to your report (January 31, early editions), feel ag-grieved that they live within earshot of the bells of All Saints. They can count

their blessings.
If they really had to listen to every possible change on the bells (described in your report as "rings"), the 3,628,500 changes theoretically available on this ring of ten bells would take 720 times as long as the 3½ hours your reporter tells us is needed to com-plete the set, which, using the same basis of calculation, would be roughly

105 days. Yours faithfully, E. W. HOUGHTON, 42 Chesterfield Crescent, Wing, Nr Leighton Buzzard. Bedfordshire.

Levelling the field

From Mr David G. Davies

February I.

Sir. The Prime Minister frequently professes his admiration for our national summer game.

·I hope therefore that he would regard the behaviour of a side batting first for eight days, then giving the opposition six hours in which to reply (leading article, "Great Scott", February 7), to be "not cricket".

Yours faithfully, D. G. DAVIES, 41 Park Crescent, Elstree, Hertfordshire. February 9.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Learning from fire service tragedies

From the President of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers

Sir. The deaths of four firefighters and

a young boy who had been rescued

(reports, December 29; February 2, 5)

have stunned the fire service and re-

minds us all of the terrible toll exacted

by fire every year. Most of those trage-

s, when they affect the public, are

Anyone who has read the Book of

emembrance in the Fire Service-

Chapel at Moreton-in-Marsh, Glouc-

estershire, cannot but feel pride in the

dedication to duty shown by every

person named and a desire to ensure

that those who risk all are well sup-

ported. This is especially true of our

retained (part-time) firefighters, who

provide cover and willingly give up

their often limited leisure time to serve

their communities. They also fought

many of the fires during last year's

long, dry sommer alongside their whole-time colleagues.

woman firefighter to die, whose fune-

ral takes place on Tuesday, test them-

full-time career through their retained

service. Her enthusiasm again shows

that merit and achievement are the

real standards to be measured by and

Others, like Michael Mee, who lost

his life when he fell through ice last

December while trying to rescue a

child in West Yorkshire, show their

We must all attempt to achieve

greater safety in our homes and in the

design of buildings so as to ensure

Sir, Yes, our opera house. La Fenice, will be rebuilt just as it was (leading

article, January 31; also letters, Febru-

ary 1 and 3). We want it, the world

The cost of rebuilding will not be

E200 million as you suggest. It will be not more than E50 million, of which

El2 million has already been piedged by Assicurazioni Generali — the same

company as provided 296,000 Austri-

an lire for the first reconstruction of

La Fenice in 1836 - if the fire turns out

My family house shares the walls

over the royal staircase on the west

side of the theatre with La Fenice. We

were evacuated from it, and although

we shall not be able to return for at

least three weeks while the remaining

walls of the theatre are strengthened,

we can only praise the courage and

skill of the firemen in saving all the

The destruction could have been

much worse. On the night of the fire,

the wind seemed to blow the cinders

upwards and dropped them on the is-

Sir. The little steam engine in your

front-page cartoon (February 5) need

not worry: new Great Western trains

Even if it had been a South West

train it would still be two miles from

Sir. Contrary to your report ("Rethink on RAF swaps after crash". February 5), we would like to make clear that

the RAF is not reviewing its exchange

The Tornado which crashed near

Munster in Germany last month did

not suffer a "minor instrument fail-

ure", nor did its Italian pilot order or

The RAF respects the ability of our Italian aircrew colleagues every bit as much as we respect the abilities of our

other Nato partners. All allied air for-

ces strive hard to achieve good flight

(Director of Public Relations (RAF)).

initiate the ejection sequence.

don't go anywhere near Yeovil.

the town at Yeovil Junction.

MARK B. WARBURTON,

Tornado crash

From Air Commodore

G. L. McRobbie

posting scheme.

safety standards.

Yours sincerely, GORDON McROBBIE

Ministry of Defence,

Main Buildim

February 6.

Whitehall, SWI.

Yours faithfully,

10 Brayne Court,

Longwell Green.

Bristol, Avon.

February 5.

to have been accidental.

surrounding buildings.

Off the rails

From Mr M. B. Warburton

that colour or sex are irrelevant.

dedication even when off duty:

From Mrs Marina Atwater

di Caporiacco

Some, like Fleur Lombard, the first

lves and explore the possibility of a

Association

in the home.

that any lessons learnt are translated into safety programmes.

In mourning Michael Mee, Kevin

Lane, Stephen Griffin and Fleur Lom-

bard we believe their courage and de-

termination should be seen as a shin-

ing example of committed public

Amington, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

Sir, The death of Fleur Lombard at

Leo's supermarket, near Bristol, was tragic, but perhaps avoidable. In this, as with recent fires in other retail

buildings at Chichester, Dover, Hum-

berside and Southampton, part or all

Smoke-control design evolved from

horrendous fires experienced in the automotive industry during the 1950s

and 1960s. These established that

large, undivided buildings can con-

tain heat until structural collapse

occurs. Effective smoke-control sys-

tems reduce roof temperature and

clearer visibility at floor level enables firefighters to do their job in less pun-

ishing conditions, minimising the risk

(General Manager), International Fire Technology, Ltd.

New Lane, Havant, Hampshire.

lands of Giudecca and S. Giorgio.

We Venetians were lucky in our

misfortune, and are treating it as the

greatest challenge. There will be no in-

terminable hearings or committee meetings or the usual compromises.

This time, with the mayor of Venice,

Massimo Cacciari, as a wise and be-

nevolent dictator and supported by a

presidential decree, we shall do things

the way of the Habsburgs, who knew

a thing or two about getting things

done. In 1836 it took one year to re-

build La Fenice, although it is true

that on that occasion the atrium and

the Sale Apollinee had not been touch

ed by fire. In 1577 the Palazzo Ducale

took 25 years to rebuild; and over 60

years went by before the stone bridge

at the Rialto was built at the end of the

16th century, after the last wooden

But for us the reconstruction has be-

gun, and aiready the scaffolding is

M. ATWATER di CAPORIACCO,

bridge had collapsed.

now going up.

Palazzo Moun

February 6.

S. Marco 1981, Venice.

Alarming power

From Mr Peter Stonebridge

Sir, I read with great interest your re-

port (February 6) on drivers with high-tech alarms being locked out of

their cars by up to 100 watts of radio

frequency power from some unsus-pecting radio amateur.

my high-tech car intruder alarm sim-

ply by using my satellite TV control-

terest in this matter in the motor

trade. I am struggling to get anyone interested apart, that is, from my suf-

fering neighbours, who know precise-

ly when I tire of terrestrial TV pro-

207 Henley Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Car lights in daytime

From Mr Hugo Griffin-Jorgensen

Sir, "Dull month increases accidents"

is the gist of your report (February 1)

on January's weather. This shows that

adopt the Nordic idea, that all vehicles

use daylight driving lights (min. 21

watt) and in the absence of these use

and Finland for several years now

and has led to a cut in the daytime ac-

cident rate of up to 4 per cent.

Yours sincerely, HUGO GRIFFIN-JORGENSEN,

Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

This has been law in Scandinavia

headlights at all times.

19 Harrow Road.

February 4.

would be appropriate for Britain to

Yours faithfully, PETER STONEBRIDGE,

Bridge House.

I can do better than that. I can set off

You are correct in reporting little in-

of roof collapse or explosion.

Yours faithfully.

Venetian phoenix starts to rise again

JIM RICHARDSON

DENNIS DAVIS. President.

Fire Officers' Association.

From Mr J. E. Richardson

The Chief and Assistant Chief

Yours faithfully.

10-11 Pebble Close,

of the roof collapsed.

February 9.

uneasily side by side. Some of those myths make it easy to caricature Brussels as a bureaucratic monster.

sets out to skewer the most pernicious.

was done and another myth had taken root.

The second are the trivial travel metaphors, used to drive an argument to a con-We are told Europe is like a bicycle, which must move forward or fall. It is also like a train, and Britain must be in the driving seat or risk relegation to the second tier. As Peter Lilley remarked, the only thing the EU has in common with a train is that once you're in, food suddenly becomes much more expensive. At its most outrageous, the moveor-perish case finds expression in those who prophesy war unless momentum is main-

in size has been bought by losing punch.

Campaign for a Scottish Parliament.

Scottish views on

state of the Union

From the Secretary of the Campaign

Sir. Your leader of February 8, "Blair's

constitutional", makes much of the so-

called "West Lothian question" where-

by in certain circumstances, if Scot-

land had democratic control over leg-

islation for its own health, education

and legal system, 72 Scottish MPs could still vote in Westminster on Bills

connected with English health, educa-

The occasions when the handful of

Scottish votes could make a difference

are obviously confined to those on

which the English themselves are fair-

ly evenly divided on a matter relating

to England but not Scotland. More-

over, the Scots do have an interest.

since it is the state of affairs in Eng-

land which always seems to drive

Cabinet policy decisions, often with

On the other hand, week by week, and year by year the Scottish MPs, even if all 72 of them are in agreement,

are regularly outvoted on matters ap-

plying only to Scotland by 500 Eng-

lish MPs, most of whom have little or

no knowledge of Scottish law, health.

education or the values and attitudes

of the Scots. They have no conceivable

mandate from their English constitu-

encies to interfere with our systems.

What sort of "democracy" is this? It is

not the "West Lothian question" which is a democratic scandal, but the

The Conservative "defence of the

Union" looks more likely to drive the

Scots into opting for full independence

than persuading them to accept the

If English voters want to support a

continuing United Kingdom they

should support the parties promoting

a Scottish parliament, as proposed by the Scottish Constitutional Convert-

tion, the Liberal Democrats and the

"Westminster question".

unsatisfactory status quo.

new Labour Party.

knock-on effects upon the whole UK.

for a Scottish Parliament

Sir, Lord Mackay of Clashfern ("A house devolved against itself", February 7) persists in believing that the constitution could not survive the possibility of Scottish MPs being able to ask questions at Westminster about matters in England which, in Scot-

House of Commons.

Sir. Mr Bruns (letter, February 1) ex-

He rightly points out that the tests are based on what an average 11-yearold should be able to achieve, but wrongly draws the conclusion that only 50 per cent should be expected to meet the standard for Level 4 in the

ment, not an average. In fact, if children are performing up to expectations we should see a substantial majority of H-year-olds performing at this level

Since the standard for Level 4 is fixed, the test results in future years will show the extent to which children's levels of attainment are improving. The tests at seven are already doing

simply that children's performance has improved in certain areas since

into bankruptcy. Twitchers pursued an American Thrasher into a lavatory in the Yours faithfully Isles of Scilly, where it drowned. Twitchers stared solemnly for 24 hours at a night heron

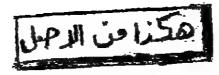
(Assistant Chief Executive. School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. 45 Notting Hill Gate, WII. February 7.

While most elderly people would

group of elderly what they dread most in old age they are likely to say "being a burden to their families". They also

With the aid of a charitable medical

Weekend Money letters, page 37





COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE February & The Prince of Wales left Royal Air Force Lyneham this morn-

Royal Air Force Lynenam uns musicing to visit Croatia and Besnia.
His Royal Highness this afternoon arrived at Cilipi Airport, Dubrovnik, and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Cro-oria (His Excellency Mr Gavin

Hewiti)
The Prince of Wales afterwards visited Dubrovnik to see war damage

His Royal Highness later met British Service men and women at British Service men and women at Divulje Barracks. Split.

The Prince of Wales this evening flew to HMS Illustrious and met members of the Shap's Company.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Tabor and Mr Allan Percival are in attendance.

RUCKINGHAM PALACE February 9: The Hon David Gore-Bouth was received in audience by

The Queen upon his appointment as Brirish High Commissioner to the Republic of India.

Mrs Gore-Booth was also received

Mrs. Gore-Booth was ago received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Mr Hussain Abdullant was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Sullanate of Oman to the Court of St James's.

Mrs. Malki, investigation and better the sullanate of the Court of St James's. Mrs Makki was also received by

Her Majesty.
Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Sir John Coles (Fermanent UnderScretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs) was present.
Mr Justice Moore-Bick was received by The Queen upon his
appointment as a Justice of the High
Court when Her Majesty conferred
upon him the honour of Knighthood
and invested him with the Institute of ied him with the Insignia of

and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.
Mrs Justice Hogg was received by The Queen upon her appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empley

Empire.
The Lady Wilson of Rievaulx was

The Lady Wilson of Rievaulx was received by The Queen and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by her husband, the late Lord Wilson of Rievaulx.

The Earl Waldegrave was received by Her Majesty and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his father, the late Earl Waldegrave.

Waldegrave.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Scots at War Trust, this morning aftended a Study Seminar at the University of Edinburgh's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Hope Park Square, Edinburgh, His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Lower Methil Heritage Centre, High Street, Lower Methil, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Fife (the Earl of Elejin and Kincardine KT). The Duke of Edinburgh, Perma-nent Master, the Worshipful Com-pany of Shipwrights, was repre-sented by Mr Ole Kverndal (Prime Warden) at the Memorial Service for Mr and Mrs Derek Kimber which was held in St Michael Paternosie Royal, London EC4, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE rebruary 9. The Prince of Wales arrived in Sarajevo this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Bostonia and Manageria.

Ambassador to the kepublic or bos-nia and Herzegovina (His Excellency Mr Brian Hopkinson).

His Royal Highness called on President betbegovic at the

Presidency.

Later The Prince of Wales received

Later The Prince of Wales received Admiral Leighton Smith (Commander Implementation Force) and Mr Carl Bildt (High Representative) at the British Embassy).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the National Library which was bodly damaged by shelling in 1992. The Prince of Wales subsequently visited a British relief project designed to restore gas supplies to the people of the City.

This afternoon His Royal Highness pites to the people of the city.

This afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Headquarters of Allied Command Europe's Rapid Reaction Corps in Sarajevo, before flying to North-west Bosnia to meet British Truops on operations in support of the Nato Implementation Force in Meloniile Grand.

Mrkonjic Grad.

The Prince of Wales this evening arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham from Susuia.

Mr Stephen Lumport, Lieutenant
Colonel Patrick Tabor and Mr Allan
Percival were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE Potentiary 9: The Duchess of Kent. Patron, UNICEF, this afternoon visited the Urban Basic Services for the Poor Project. Veranasi, India.

Royal engagements

TOMORROW Prince Edward, as patron, will attend a ball to mark the 40th anniversary of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain at

Grosvenor House at 7.00. The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal Choral Society, will attend a performance of the Dream of Gerontius given by the society and the Royal Phil-harmonic Orchestra at the Albert Hall at 7.15.

Events

TODAY: The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. TOMORROW: The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts

Weekend birthdays

Mr Larry Adler, mouth organist. 82; Mr Michael Apted, film direc-tor, 55; Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagnall, 69; Sir Michael Bishop, ways, 54: Miss Olwyn Bowey, painter, 60: Dr Alexander Comfort, physician, poet and novelist, 76; Mr John Hayes, secretary-general, Law Society, 51; Professor J. Heslop-Harrison, botanist, 76; the Rev Donald Hilton, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, 64; Mr Keith Mans, MP, 50; Mr Peter Middleton, former chief executive officer. Lloyd's, 56: chief executive officer, Lloyd's, 56: Lord Milne, 87: Mr Greg Norman, golfer, 41: Lord Orr-Ewing, 84: Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, 78: Miss Leontyne Price, soprano, 69: Sir Idwal Pugh, Iormer Ombudsman, 78: Miss Gali Rebuck, chief executive, Random House, 46; Lord Justice Rose, 59; Mr Mark Spitz, swimmer, 46; Mr

Berger, 71; Professor Marilyn But-ler, Rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 59; Sir Alec Cairneross, former Chancellor, Glasgow University, 85; Brigadier Iain Cameron, 53; Dr 50; Mr James Couchman, MP, 54; Mr C.H. Dearnley, organist, 66: Mr Patrick Leigh Fermor, author, 81: Sir Archibald Forster, former chairman, Esso UK, 68; Sir Vivian Fuchs, former director, British Antarctic Survey, 88: Mr Bryan Gould, former MP, 57: Mr Win Griffiths, MP. 53; Mr Michael Jackson, Controller, BBC2, 38; General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, 55; Mr Leslie Nielsen, actor, 70: Miss Mary Quant, fushion designer, 62: Mr Burt Reynolds, actor, 59; the Earl of Rosebery, 66; Mr Patrick Holmes Sellors, ophthalmologist, 62; Baroness Sharples, 73; Mr Surtees, former motor tycle and motor racing champion. 62: Mr Mr Mark Spitz, swimmer, 46; Mr
Robert Wagner, actor, 66.

TOMORROW
Sir Ronald Arculus, former diplomat, 73: Vice-Admiral Sir Peter

E.W. Swanton, author and sports commentator, 99: Miss Mary Tregear, Oriental art historian, 72: Mr M.C. Walker, chairman, Iceland Frozen Foods, 50.

Memorial service

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Permanent Master of the Shipwrights' Company, was repre-sented by Mr Ole Kverndal, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Comparty, at a service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr Derek Barton Kimber, master shipbuilder, and Mrs Gwen Kimber held yesterday

at St Michael Paternoster Royal.

Canon Glyn Jones officzated,
assisted by the Rev Basil Watson,
honorary chaplain to the courpany. Mr Peter Usher, President of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, read the lesson and Mr Jeremy Kimber, son, read The Ship by Bishop Brent. Mr T. John Parker gave an address. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Simon Rimber (son and daughter-in-lew), Mr Anthony and Dr Jane Allen (son-in-law and daughter). Mr John Cuckney (son-in-law), Mrs Jeremy Kimber (daughter-in-law), Mr Michael Brotherton. Dr and Mrs E W Heining, Mr Mark Heining, Ms Jane Allen.

Jeremy Kimber (daughter-in-iaw), Mr Michael Brotherton, Or and Mrs E W Heining, Mr Mark Heining, Ms Jame Allen, Viscoum Caldecore, Sir Charles Alexander, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Sir Ross and Lady Beech, Sir James Wan, Sir Brain and Lady Show. Sir Richard O'Brien, Sir Dovid and Lady Brothan, Sir Peter Cazaler, Rear-Admiral C A W Weston, Mr Panick Shovelton.

Mr and Mrs J G Davis, Majon-General and Mrs Nigel Gribbon, Mr John Growne, Mr Bichard Holmes, Mr and Mrs C H Baylis, Mr Peter Cox, Mr John Martin, Mr John Grawick, Mr John Martin, Mr John Grawick, Mr John Cousins, Frofessor C Ruo, Mr Peter Cowling, Mr Nigel Wilder, Mrs Roberts, Mr S J Kulukundis, Mr and Mrs Richard Heyhoe. Mr Peter Gurney, Mr John Young, Members of the Courl and the Clerk of the Shipwrights Company, Council Members of the Courl and the Clerk of the Shipwrights Company.

Gurney, Mr John Young.

Gurney, Mr John Young.

Members of the Court and the Clerk
of the Shipwrights' Company,

Council Members of RNA. Mr
Lawrence Turner (Masser of the
Engineers' Company), Mr Peter
Ardur (Lloyds Register of Shippling).

Mr Derek Prentils (chalimman, London
Maritime Association and secretary.

Aldgate Ward Club) and Mrs Prentil

Cowressas Freighters's and Mrs Glibs.

Mr Finn W Arnesen (Royal Bank of
Scotland, Shipping Business Centrel,

Mr Stewart Conscher (Chamber of
Shipping). Mr Ian D McNetil (Murray
Lawrence (Underwriting Agents).

Mr James W Fernpleton (Ass
Europel, Professor P Grootenhula

and Mr Peter Moore (Imperial
College of Science, Technology and
Medicine), Mr Tint Statham (City and
Guilds of London Institute with Mrs
Frances Rimmer: Brigadier John
Appleton (Royal) Academy of
Engineering), Mr Charles Bowman
ipresident, City Livery Club), Captain

B Sutherland (Anchorites), Mr Gooff
G Mills (Mills & Co) and Mr R Charvet

Harvey Clubb and Mrs Charvet



The Prince of Wales standing yesterday in the ruins of Sarajevo's National Library, once a grand building in a mixture of Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman styles. "Like everybody else that has come to this city, I can only express how appalled I am at the wanton destruction, not only of buildings like this, but of other people's lives," the Prince said

Anniversaries

TODAY . London, 1775; Samuel Plimsoll, inventor of the Plimsoll fine for ships, Bristol, 1824; Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockton. Prime Minister 1957-63. London, 1894; Bertolt Brecht, dramatist and the-atre director. Augsburg, Germany, 1898: Joyce Grenfell, actress and broadcaster, London, 1910.

DEATHS: Sir William Dug Garter King of Arms 1677-96, Blyth Hall, Warwickshire, 1686; Alexan-der Pushkin, writer, 1837; Francis Danby, psinter, Emmouth, 1861; Joseph Lister, 1st Baron Lister, surgery, Walmer, Kent, 1912; Wilhelm Konrad von Röntgen, discoverer of X-rays, Nobel laureate 1901, Munich, 1923: Achille

Ratti, Pope Pius XI 1922-39. Rome, 1939; Hugh Montague Trenchard, Ist Viscount Trenchard, Marshal of the RAF, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police 1931-35, 1956, The marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, 1840. Conscription began in Britain,

New Delhi became the capital of India, 1931. TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Elizabeth of York, Consort of King Henry VII. London, 1465 (she died this day, London, 1503); William Fox Talbot, photographic pioneer, Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire, 1800; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, Milan, Ohio, 1847; Farouk I, King of Egypt 1936-52.

DEATHS: Jean Foucault, physi-

cist, Paris, 1868; Honoré Daumier caricaturist and painter Valmondois, France, 1879; Su Charles Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine, Kingston, Jamaics. 1931: John Buchan, Ist Baron Tweedsmuir, novelist, historian Governor-General of Canada 1935-40, Montreal, 1940: Sergy Eisen-stein, film director, Moscow, 1948. London University founded, 1826. Bernadette Soubirous stated that a vision of the Virgin Mary had-appeared before her, Lourdes, France, 1858.

The first weekly weather report was issued by Meteorological Office, 1878. The Lateran Treaty established an independent Vaticao City, 1929.

Mr R.I.T. Hooper and Miss C.M. Taylor

Mr A.J. Trotter and Mile V. Allarouse

Margaret Thatcher became the first woman leader of a British

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTTAND, COVERS GARGE, WCC: 11.15, 6.30, Rev S Hood, ARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, -12.15, 4.15, 6.15 EM; 9.30 Pr M Beautig: 11 Solean, M, Missa: Streys: [Nest, Oel Profundle Dochum), Domine Exaud (Malcolm),

Forthcoming marriages

Major J.S. Charnock

and Miss D.A. Wallen The engagement is announced between Major John Charnock. Royal Corps of Signals, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Charnock. of Newpham, Gloucestershire, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Wallen, of Kamares, Cyprus. Mr T.V.L Coninx

and Alies J.E. Adams The engagement is announced between Tony, son of De Heer and Mevrouw G. Coninx-Schoofs, of Peer, Belgium, and Jill, daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs M.K. Adams, of Holmbury St Mary,

Surrey. The Hou M.J. Erskine

and Miss R.E. Pryor
The engagement is announced between Monty, younger son of the Earl and Countess of Buchan, of Newsham, Hampshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Pryor, of Brackengarth, Keasden, Yorkshine. Mr I.R. Essex

med Mim LA. Wilson The engagement is announced between Jonathan Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.R. Essex, of Worcester, and Lisa Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Wilson, of Dronwich.

The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Major LR. Hooper, red, and Mrs. Hooper, of West Amesbury, Will-shire, and Colleen, younger daughter of Mr W.H. Taylor and the late Mrs Taylor, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr K.D. Lambert and Miss J. Gemmell The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place in July, between Kieran Lambert and Jamine Gemmell.

The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Hugo Trotter, of Esher, Survey, and Veronique, younger daughter of M and Mme Pierre Aliarousse, of Paris.

and Miss S.K. Lander The engagement is announced between Simon Daniel Bruce youngest son of Mrs O. Perry and the late Mr J. Perry, of Auckland. New Zealand, and Susan Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.G. Lander, of Fareham,

Hampshire. Mr M.H. Richmond and Miss J.F. Barton The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr P. Richmond, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Mrs J. Prentice, of Coltishall, Norfolk, and Joanna,

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Barton, of Bramerton, Norfolk.

Marriage

Mr M.J.R. Sedgwick and Miss L.H.L. Seton-Watson and Miss L.H.L. Scton-Wasson
The marriage has taken place in
Caino between Mark, only son of
Mr John Sedgwick and stepson of
Mrs Sedgwick, of Whitsbury,
Hampshire, and son of Mrs Susan
Sedgwick, of Chelsea, and Lucy, youngest daughter of the late Professor Hugh Seton-Watson and of Mrs Seton-Watson, of Wimbledon.

School news Westmibirt School.

Gloorestershire Scholarships and Exhibitions for 1996 have been awarded to the

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University news

elected Chancellor of Glasgow University in succession to Sir

Church services tomorrow

Eighth Sunday before Easter

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 S
Ench. Locus Iste (Bruckner). The Propost, 6.30
ES. Holy is the true light (Shephard). Wash
me throughly (Wesley). The Provost.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Euch.
Let my prayer come up (Blow): 3.30 Choral E.
Save us O Lord (Bairstow).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP. 9.15
HC: 11 Choral Euch. O Savigur of the World
(Goss). The Provost. 4 Choral E. Strengthen ye
the Weak bands (Harris).

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15
Choral M. Teach me O Lord (Anwood): 10.30
Euch. Messe Solenette (Langlais). Canon &
Partitic: 4 Choral E. Open tiny games (Bainmon).
The Provost. BRESTOL CATHEDRAL College Green: 7.40 M: 8 Fic. 10 Choral Euch, Jobilase Dec (Jassus), Canon P Johnson: 3.30 Choral E. The sprint of the Lord (Elgar), Canon A CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: I HC 930 No. il S Euch, I will lift up mine eves fledger. The Precentor, 3.15 E, The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley): 4.30 Compline. Rev R Symon.

CARLINEE CATHEDRALE 45 M, 8 HC. 10.10

S Euch. You are my healing (Walsh). The Dean: 3 E. Let all the world (Leighnon).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRALE 8 HC. Rev J Jones: 9.30 Euch. Canon 8 Thompson: 11.15

Choral M, O Lord make thy servant Elizabeth (Syrd). The Provost: 6 Choral E. O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Taille). The Vice Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC: 10

Choral M. Te Deum (Elgar). Canon T Deans: 3.30 Choral E. The Spirit of the Lord is apon me (Elgar). 6.30 Evening. Canon J Newcome.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. is upon me (Elgan: 6.30 Evening, Canon J Newcome.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Blessed be the Lord God (Nares), Rev M Gilbert; 11 S Euch, 1 sat down (Bairsow), The Archdeacon; 3.30 E. Strengthen ye the weak hands (Harris).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL: Orders: 8 HC: 10 M & Sermon. Canon Petros; 11.15 S Euch, Teach me O Lord (Anwood). The Archdeacon: 6 E & College Prayers. The Pharisec and the Publican Schund.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8 Communion: 10.30 Euch, O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore, Rev J Petry; 3 German Luthernars; 5.30 E. My eyes for beenty (Howels). DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Nicolson). Canon D Hodgson: 11.15 HC. Missa super Bell amiltant altera (Lassus). The Dean; 3.30 E. O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Are verum corpus (Philips). Canon Green: 5.45 E. The spirm of the Lord is upon me (Elyan).

The Treasurer.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev J
Clarfe 9AS S Euch. I sat down under his
shadow (Bulrstow), Rev D Martin: 11J5 M.
Dominus regit me (Nielsen), Canon D
Bayant 6.30 E, Hymn to the mother of God
(Tavener), Rev R Steele-Perdins.
LICHFELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S
Euch, Tantum expo (de Severac), The Dean:
1.30 E, Let all the world in comp corner sing
(Williams). The Charicelor.

IIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30

Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Canon M
Wolfe, 3 Chorat Euch, Walmistey in D minor,
Canon M Boyling; 4 HC.

ILANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litary,
B. 12.15 Holy Buch, The Deant 4 Praish Euch,
Rev M Court: 11 Song Euch, Adam by
ybounden 10rd, The Canon; 3.30 Choral E.
How dear are thy coursels upon me Econophic

Rev N Court: 11 Sung Euch, Adam by ybounders 30rd, The Cathon; 330 Choral E. How dear are thy course's unso me icrostic; 630 Payth E & Sermon, Rev J Endves.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd). The Archdoscon; 6.30 E. Wood in D, Canon P. Denby.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Missa Pestiva (Peeters), Canon I Benner; 6 Choral E, Save us O Lord Walding (Balistow).

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8 L; 8.15 HC; 9.30 M; 10.30 Bath, Missa Brevis (Mozarti, Canon J Wardle; 3.30 E, 0 where shall wisdom be found (Boyce).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. The Dean: 10 Euch, Ave verum corpus (Mozarti, The Bishop; 11.30 M. O pray for the peace of lerusalem (Blow), Canon J Davies; 3 E, Let us lik up out heart (Wesley).

SHEFFIED CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 MP; 9.30 Parish C, Rev Dr J John: 11 Euch, Dignus Err Agnus (Williamson). Rev J John: 6.30 E & Sermon. Bessed City (Bairstow). The Archdoscon: 8 Christ in quiet SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 10.55 Choral Euch, Let all motral fiesh (Let) silence (Bairstow). O salivar's horsis (Elgari, The Frowst: 3 Choral E. For 10, 1 raise up (Stanford, Rev H Cunilifie.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Linany; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, The Chancelior: 11 & Euch. (Stanford). Rev H Cuntiffe.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & Litany: 8
HC; 9.30 Parish C. The Chancellon: 11 8 Euch,
Here O my Lord (Whitioch), The Provost; 3.15
E. How Nevely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms).
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 8 Euch,
Messe Solennelle (Langlais), The Curate; 6 E.
Steal away (Adelmann). The Curate.

WAREFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev. A Jennings; 9,15 Parish C, Canon D Barnet; 11 Solemn Euch, Let all montal fiesh (Bairsow), Canon I Knox; 4 E. In exitu Israel (Wester), Canon G Naim-Briggs, WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9,45 S Buch, Ubi caritas & amor (Durufte), Right Rev. 2 Thompson: 11,30 M, Sing Joyfully unto God (Byrd); 3 E. Jubilata Deo (Dering), Rev. P Walker. WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Beatl quoram via Shanbord, Canon D Gray: 11.15 auch, Gracious Spirit (Forbes), Canon D Hum; 32. The spirit of the lord (Eiger, Rev. Dr. P Bradahaw: 5.45 Organ; 6.30 Evening, Rev. P Chester. Chester:
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 530, 7 M: 10 MP: 10.30 Solemn M. Ave verum corpus (Mozari): 3.30 Solemn VAB, Bring to O Lord God (Harris): 4.30 Recht.!
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Beat! Quorum via iStanford). The Archdeacon: 11.30 Euch, Fantastia in C (Bach): 3.30 E. Give us the wings of farm (Bullock). The Dean.
YORK MINSTER: 8,8.45 HC: 10 S Euch, Messe Solemnelle (Langlaß). Ray P Ferguson: 11.30 M: 4 E. Strengthen ye the weak hands (Harris), Rev R Mestcalie: 6.30 Ediplation Sunday, The Archbishop. ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: & HC: 11 Choral M. Adam lay ybounden (Ord), The Dean; 3.30 EP.

Dean; 3.30 EP.

ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL Dyfed: 8 HC; 9.30
Parish Euch, The Successor; 1:.13 Choral M.
Cantage Domino (Pinos), The Dean; 6 Choral
B. How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms),
The Canon.

ST CORREST CATHEDRAL SOUTHWART.

8.10. 6 LM: 11.30 Solemn M, Messe Basse,
(Raund, Ave Maria (Gounod), Canon J
Pannett. [Faurel, Ave Maria (Gounod), Canon I Fairnett.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8,10 Morning HC, Gioria in Excessis (Whilehead); 11:30 Morning D bone Jest (Palestrina), The Minister: 6 Recitas; 8 Evening, Rev C Kenny.

SE FAILIS CATHEDRAL, Leodans B HC 8:45 M; 11:5 Euch, Tours trus (Goredd), Ven G Cassidy: 3.15 E. Geistliches, Lied (Brahms), Rev S Green: 5.15 Organ.
All SAINTS, Margaret Street, Wi; 8,5.15 LM; 10:20 HM. O sacrum convivium (Guerrero), The Vicar: 6 E&B, Siderum rector (Byrol), The Right Rev M Marshall.
All, SOULS, Langham Placa, Wi; 9 Communion, Rev Preb R Bewes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, Wi; 11 Missa octavi ton! (Lassus), Alma redemptoris mater (Palestrina), Almighty Lord and God of love (Giles).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children; 11 M, Brother James' Alr (Bacob), Rev Dr P Elvy.

DEATHS

informal, "M" Jennings 3.7.30 informal, Rev S Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Simile est regroum casiorom (vicorial, 12.30, 4.30, 7;3.30 Ve B. Caro mea (Guerrero),

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WESLET'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HG: 11 Morning, Rev P Hulma.

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WESTEMINISTER CENTRAL RALL [Methodist), SW1: 10 HG: 11 M Worship; 6.30 E Praise, Rev Dr? P Greves.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Litheran), Gresham St. EC2: 11 Choral HG. Rev P Engined.

ST EARTHOLOMEN THE GREAT: Smithfield, EC1: 9 HG: 11 M, Best oporum via Stanford, The Restor, 6.30 Choral Bach, Are Maria (Victorial, The Rector, ST BRIDES, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Reid, EC.; 2 The 11 M. BESS GOTORIS PAREL, AVE.

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QUOTSM VIA (STANDORIA), THE ROOTILAND.

FOR STREET, SWI: 10 Televised Service: 6.30

Rev J McIndoc.

ST ETHELDREDAS, Ely Place: 9, 11 Mass.

EXSURATE JURI (VIADANA), Venine Comedia.

(Byrd).

ST GEORGES, Hannover Square, W.: 8.30

HC. 11 S. Ruch. Lord I cell upon thee

(Baursow), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Cartecktrythe, ECS: 10.30 S

Such, John Paul, Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch;

10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Rev B

Wilson: 6 Choral E, Crown of Roses

(Tchalkovsky).

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch,

Rev H Velentine; 5.45 BP.

ST JOHN'S. Stratford E.IS: 11 Family,

TOGATE Dubols: 6.30 HC, Rev D Richards.

ST LUKE'S, Cheises, SWI: 8 HC; 10.30 MP &

HC. O Saviour of the world (Goss), Rev O

Beauchards; 6.30 S, Lead kindly light

(Staloer), Rev G Beauchamp.

ST MARKES, Reseats Park Rd, NWI: 8 HC;

9.43 Family C: 11 S Euch. Ave Maria

(Arcadel), Rev To Jones.

SF MARGARETS, Westmirster, SWI: 11 S

Euch. Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici

(Rubbra), Tantum ergo (Duralle), Canon D

Gray.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, \$97: 9 ASB HC. Rev N Gumbet: 11 Informal, Mr J Jennings; 5,7.30 Informal Rev S Millar.

6.30 Evening. ST MARY ABBOTE CHURCH, Kensing W8: 8,12,30 HC: 9.30 Parish Euch, The Vi 11.15 Choral M, Rev F Gelli; 6.30 E, Rev Puller. Solemn B.

STMARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primeres Hill: 6 HC.

10.30 Euch with Exprism. Mass for four voices (Byrd), Hear my prayer (Putcell), Rev J Ovenden; 6 E with prayer and medication. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, WI: 8 HC. 11 Chood Euch, Spatten-Messe (Mortarn, Thou with tapp him in perfect peace (Wesley), Rev C Owen. Rev C Owen.

ST PAULS: Witton Place, SWI: 8,9 HC; 11
Solemn Buch, The Spirit of the Lord (Elyar),
Geistliches Lied (Brahms), Rev H
Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8,15 HC: 10
Ramily Buch; 11 S Euch, Mass for five voices
(Broit, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Fr A
Chidwick. Ramily Euch; 11 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrds, Thou wilk keep him (Wesley), Fr A Chidwick.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St. SWS: 8 HC; 11 M. Lead me Lord (Wesley), Te Deurn (Whitemet, O Lord look down from heaven (Bartishid): 630 E. Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8,9 LM; 11 Solerium M. Missa Brevis (Berkeley). Salve Regins (Poulenc), O Sacrum Convivation (Messalen), Canon C Conven. Convivation (Messalen), Canon C Conven. Convivation (Messalen), Canon C Conven. CMAPPL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCUITÉ. NM Tower of London: 9,15 HC; 11 James and Conven. Convivation (Messalen), Canon F Murphy.

CHAPPL ROYAL St. Hames Palace A 10 HC 11.15 MP. The heavens are telling (Haydn). Rev D Burgess.

CHAPPL ROYAL St. Hameston Court Palace. A30 HC; 11 Coord M. Remember not Lord (Purcell): 3.50 Chorat E. Te lucis ane: terminum (Tallis). Lord let me know mine and (Greene).

GROSVENOR CHAPPEL, South Audley Street. W1: 11 S Euch, Missa Acterna Christi Munera Palestrinal, O sepientis (Ramsey), Wir glauben all: 2n einen Gott (Bach), Rev S Hobbs.

QUEEN'S CHAPPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2:11 M. Set me as a stal (Walton), The Chaplain. THE TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street: 5.40 HC; 11.15 MP. Blessed City, heavenly Salven (Ballistow), The Masser.

QUARD'S CHAPPEL, Wellington Barrads, SWI: 11 M, God be in my head (Rutter), At the tound earth's Imagined corners (Parry), Rev J Cough.

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William, a daughter, Cacity Openin Vallet - 102m Sen, a stater for Florence. FROST - On Petruary 2nd, b Auckland, New Zealand, b Carey (née Figgis) and Robert, a son. Toky Jame Patrick, brother for Emily and Tem.

GRANA - On 20th Juntary 1996, to Charlotte (née Dear) and Timothy. a daughter. Deane Millerst Darwin. GREY-MORGAN On January 29th to Liz (nice Buckley) and Tim, a beautiful daugnter, Ethn

MERITIES - WILLION - On 29th January 1996, to Venessa (sice Botton) and 30, n - Rose William

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CURTES - Lawis (Law), much loved husband of Khy and father of Lestey, died on Wednesday 7th February. A man of outstanding Character who was much in the community. The transfer will have pure at Colders Green Crematorium. Hoop Lane, 10 am on Sunday 11th February. No fice of the Colders and Colders and Colders and Colders Green Crematorium. The Dabetic and Related Diseases Research Association.

DEATES DENNE - At home on weather sleep, peacefully, District Recentary being MRE. Colonel (refred) his women's Royal Army Corp. Funeral Service at Albershot Crematerium, Guildford Rosal, Aldershot, Hants on 16th February at 11 am. Doualions in her memory, to ATH & WRAC Research, Hoch 10, ACC Centre, Worthly Down, Hants, 5021 28tG.

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DEATES MEARS-GARDMER - On Sh. Patrimy 1996, pencerifly at The Ceders Nursing Home, Shadosbury, Derse, Jubert Thornes speed 88 years. Porperty of The Poprims School, Winchester, Fourel Service at St. Mary's Charch, Motombe, Dorset on Friday 16th Petrumy at 12 soon, Flovers and all requiries to Bracher Stockets F/D, Gülinghum, Dorset, SP6 40g., Tel. 01747 822464.

Darby (Bunny), on 5th February 1995 at West Suffell Houghal, Bury St Edmonds, in his 70th year. He will be sweatly missed. Paraul at St Mary's Charte. Cathosthorpe, on Menties. 12th February, at 3pp. No Sewat please, but densitions to Hartwick Ward, West Suffelk Houghtal, Sury St Edmands. 1935 2QZ.

MENLI, - Peacefully at Ardenies, Durson is her Sire year. Or not served with a title in the his Dr. John Mail, much loved state of Lily and a devoted scatt and great stat. Planeral service of the Explict Church. Durson on Tuesday 130 February at 1 p.m. and interment thereafter at Cowal Cametary. Family Server may be despite in the least Masten. It Common Crement. Edinburgh.

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DEATHS POLLOCK - Hilds Mayuret case Shoot, on Bin Petrusry after a long Einem, and two weeks after her Solth hirthday, widow of Bob and mother of Jenny, Funeral et Rundalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wechseday 14th Petrusry at 12.30pm, Flower, or if preferred, donations to Princess Allics Housics, Ether. of preserved, donations to Princess Allics Housics, Ether. of Soms Ltd., 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead. (01372 372436).

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MAJOR-GENERAL 'BILL' LIARDET

() Major-General "Bill" Liardet, CB, CBE, DSO, Deputy Master General of the Ordnance, 1961-64, died on February 8 aged 89. He was born on October 27, 1906.

BILL LIARDET's long career as a tank warfare specialist included command of the oth Royal Tank Regiment during the final disastrous retreat of the desert campaign in North Africa that preceded the turn of the tide at El Alamein.

Field Marshal Rommel and the Afrika Korps had retaken Cyrenaica during early 1942 and in May were poised west of Gazala and Tobruk. The series of actions that followed, known as the Gazala battles, showed Rommel at his best; the Germans mounting a series of opportunistic, swift right hooks towards Egypt and the Suez Canal, groping deep for the Eighth Army's lines of communication. They obtained much benefit from their superior and more flexible use of armour, their Panzer divisions being integrated with a high proportion of artillery and motorised infantry.

The Eighth Army under General Ritchie was initially surprised and suffered severe losses. Liardet's regiment, equipped with the new American-made Grant tank, and part of the 4th Armoured Brigade within the 1st Armoured Division, was, at the end of May, positioned centrally near the fortified "box" known as Knightsbridge. Early on May 27 the 4th Armoured Brigade was caught by the 15th Panzer Division while still readyir Lisself for a move and, although the heavy Grants, in battle for the first time, shook the German tank crews, there were many losses. In conditions of chaos, the Eighth Army subsequently fought a series of rearguard actions, falling back some 300 miles along the North African coast.

Throughout June, Liardet's regiment lost about half its Grant tanks. One of his soldiers recalls long days of exhausting action and short nights with tanks in "leaguer" or on the move, and his colonel each night meticulously visiting everybody to see how they

were doing.
Tobruk fell on June 21. On June 25 General Auchinleck, the Commanderin-Chief, himself relieved Ritchie as army commander and, with a quality of generalship acknowledged by Rommel, held and repulsed the German advance among the ridges near El Alamein. The oth RTR's laconic battle narrative for these first five days in July sounds a much more cheerful note: "successful shoot and push forward": "held the ridge".

But on July 5, Liardet was relieved of his command following a row that arose from his strong criticism of the way that the 4th Armoured Brigade



had been handled. His subsequent appointment as GSO I, or chief staff to Major-General Alec Gatehouse in command of the newly formed 10th Armoured Division clearly vindicated his professionalism and tactical expertise. Gatehouse was the first career RTR officer to command an armoured division and it was his able and canny handling of tanks and artillery that made a marked contribution to the success of the crucial battles of Alam Halfa and Alamein.

After Alamein, Liardet was reappointed in command of a refitted 6th RTR and redeployed to Iraq and Syria. Promoted colonel in January 1944. he took command of the Armoured Reinforcement Group in the Italian campaign, supplying fresh tanks to forward formations. When second-incommand of the 25th Armoured Engineer Brigade, he was awarded the DSO for his key part in a difficult assault over the River Senio in May 1945. Later, when in command of the same formation, he was twice mentioned in dispatches.

Henry Maughan Liardet — always known as Bill — was the fifth generation of a family of military men with strong Indian connections. His father. Major-General Sir Claude Liardet, KBÉ, CB, DSO, a First World War artilleryman, uniquely commanded a division as a Territorial officer and was the founding commandant of the Royal Air Force Regiment.

Rejecting a career in his father's footsteps as a Lloyd's broker, Liardet joined the Royal Tank Corps in 1927. His early service, in Rolls-Royce

armoured cars on the North West Frontier of an unpartitioned India, was especially happy: he was able to get married, prove a useful jockey over the sticks at Quetta races and enjoy shikar. His wife Joan used to recall her terror. while pregnant, at being treed by a wounded buffalo.

During the Abyssinian crisis he was sent to Egypt on the staff of the Mobile Force (known locally as the "immobile farce"), returning to pass through the Staff College at the outbreak of war. This was followed by two years in the War Office working on the organisation of the Armoured Corps under the up-and-coming General Sir Vyvyan Pope Pope took Liardet to the Middle East but was killed in an air crash and Liardet found himself on the staff of GHQ Cairo until appointed to his

regimental command.

He ended the war as an acting brigadier in command of a tank brigade occupying Venezia Giulia and confronting Tito's threats to Trieste in northern Italy, followed by tours in Palestine and Egypt. Although he was appointed CBE in 1945, the postwar contraction of the Army caused a reduction in his rank. As a substantive lieutenant-colonel in 1949 he com-manded the 8th RTR at Catterick, leading the regiment to a particularly fine sporting record.

Regaining brigadier's rank in 1951. he held a number of headquarters and command posts until 1956 when he became chief of staff of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington, Promoted major-general, he was Director-General of Armoured Fighting Vehicles and subsequently Deputy Master General of the Ordnance, attending the last meeting of the Army Council before Mountbatten's centralising reforms of the Ministry of Defence abolished that body.

Retiring in 1964, he was appointed CB and devoted his time to local affairs, becoming a county councillor for West Sussex and an alderman in 1970. He was a director of the British Sailors' Society for 17 years and participated in a number of service

He maintained his regimental connections with enthusiasm, having been Colonel Commandant of the Royal Tank Regiment from 1961 until 1967, the 50th anniversary of the first use of the tank at Cambrai, an occasion marked by the presence of the Queen at a parade in Germany.

A man who inspired great loyalty, he was often visited by old soldiers of all ranks who had served with him, even up to the year of his death. In 1933 he married Joan Constable, who died in 1991. He is survived by his second wife Barbara and the three sons of the first

ANTONIO

Antonio Ruiz Soler. Spanish flamenco dancer, died in Madrid on February 5 aged 74. He was born <u>in</u> Seville on November 4, 1921.

KNOWN simply as Antonio to a nation who adored him, Antonio Ruiz Soler danced for coins on the streets of Seville at the age of four. He claimed publidy -- with never a hint of denial from the ladies concerned - to have been the lover of Ava Gardner, Gina Lollobrigida, Lola Flores and the Duchess of Alba. He was once thrown in jail for blas-pheming while being filmed for television. He died in a state of virtual paralysis.

During his career as a flamenco bailarín, he revived much that was moribund, wrought a revolution in style and approach, took his country's flamboyant dance to most corners of the globe and cultivated a strutting-conceit that appeared always to fortify his excellence.

He was born in Seville - the radle of flamenco - to an utterly penniless family. Its poverty was due, in greatest measure, to the thirst for strong drink which raged within Antonio's father.

Yet in this squalid milieu. young Antonio found from somewhere - and at an age when most children are content simply to walk — the duende, or spirit, that fuels the best flamenco. He started at the age of three, his hagiographers say, to adopt posturitas. little postures, which often enraged his drunken father. By four he had befriended a rough hurdy-gurdy man called Juan, and together they performed — Juan on his organ, little Antonio with his dance — to a shower of money on the backstreets of Seville.

His talent was so nakedly apparent that an aunt, Ana. paid for him to take dance classes at the school of Realito. a local maestro. Later, when Ana could no longer afford these, Realito, by now convinced that his pupil was a treasure, waived his fees altogether.

At the age of seven Antonio gave his first formal public performance in Liège, Bel-gium, with a young girl, Rosario. Called Los Chaval-



lllos Sevillanos — The Kids from Seville - they performed also, in the following year, at

the Seville Exposition. Antonio and Rosario were to dance as a pair for the next 24 years. She played graceful second fiddle to his frankly masculine style, which often crossed the boundary into shameless narcissism. Before Antonio's conquest of flamenco's imperium, outstanding soloists had tended to be women. He was to change all that: it was now the man who was the real star, estirato y enfadao, or "stuck-up and angry".

Antonio was inventive often astonishingly so — and is credited with being the father of the martinete, a form of hammer-like stamping, it was in the film by Edgar Neville, called Duende y misterio del flamenco (1952), that Antonio performed the martinese for the first time, beneath the Arco

del Tajo in Ronda. Antonio and Rosario parted

company that same year, and the bailarin began, increasingly, to turn to choreography. By the 1960s, he was to ensure that flamenco developed a ballet style, in addition to its traditional small-stage indi-vidualism. Aficionados today are as familiar with Antonio's versions of de Falla's Love the Magician and The Threecornered Hat as they are with his haunting martinete.

Spain's dictator, General Franco, who for political reasons promoted flamenco and folklore, once pronounced Antonio as both his favourite bailarin and as an "authentic Spaniard". In 1973 Antonio had reason to be thankful for the General's admiration. Only Franco's personal intervention secured his release when, having blasphemed virulently in an angry moment during the filming of The Three-Cornered Hat, he was hauled without ceremony off

to jail. He remained a bachelor.

SIR THOMAS PADMORE

Sir Thomas Padmore. GCB. Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, 1962-68. di il on February 8 aged 86. He was born on April

THOMAS PADMORE was a high-ranking civil servant who worked in the Treasury for thirty years, latterly as Second Secretary, before being appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, 1962-68. He combined many of the virtues of the model civil servant discreet, capable and politically neutral. Politicians he regarded with a dispassionate eye and only once did he

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appear ruffled by a difficult working relationship with a minister - Barbara Castle at the Ministry of Transport. It was unfortunate that his distinguished career should have ended, soon afterwards, on such an untypically dant note.

Though one would never have guessed it from his accentless English, Thomas Padmore was a Yorkshire-man, born in Sheffield, the son of a self-made businessman. He was educated at the Sheffield Central School and, as a scholar, at Queens' College, Cambridge (of which he was made an honorary fellow in 1961), where he read French

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He joined the Civil Service in 1931 and, after a couple of vears in the Inland Revenue. he was transferred to the Treasury, where his advance was rapid. He had a quick brain, allied to a stong dose of Yorkshireman's sense, and he was friendly and likeable in person. He was excellent both as an adminstrator and, for two years,

Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. In 1951 his future seemed mapped out: he had been designated to succeed as Secretary to the Cabinet, then, as now, a key job. Much against his will, this was announced some months in advance.

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When the time came, however, there was a new Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and the series of moves which were to lead to a vacancy at the Cabinet Office were cancelled.

Instead Padmore stayed at the irea promoted to Second Secretary. It seemed to his friends that he ought to have been moved out to some other denartment after this change of events. But he was the essential number two at the Treasury and so was kept there for more than ten years, in charge of establishments - personnel and

staff management — and then of finance and supply. Successive Chancellors held out hopes of promotion to the top job; but they moved on. and the promotion went elsewhere. These years were increasingly frustrating ones for Padmore, and they were marred by personal sadness:

only son from cancer. In 1962 he was appointed Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport. The chance of running a large organisation came to him as a liberation and for some years everything went well. Among other responsibilities. Padmore was involved in the early planning stages of Britain's motorways, the introduction of the 70mph speed limit and in seatbelt legislation, a subject on which he felt very strongly.

At the end of 1965 frustra-

tion came to him again, in a

manner of which Barbara Castle gives an uninhibited account in her published diaries. According to her, the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, asked her to take over the ministry, with a brief to devise and implement an integrated transport policy. But he warned her that she would find there a very strong Permanent Secretary, who, the Prime Minister was convinced, had killed integration under the previous minister. She decided then and there, though at that point she had never met him, that she must get rid of Padmore. When she did meet him. prejudice hardened into dislike. Things got worse when, a few days later, one of her confidants leaked her intention to The Guard-



ian. Padmore was outraged

and warned her that he would The battle continued throughout her time at the ministry, since Wilson typically shrank from a confrontation. Padmore won it in the sense that he was still Permanent Secretary when, more than two years later, Barbara Castle was promoted to another department. But it

time under a minister who disliked and mistrusted him was inevitably unhappy. Her successor, to whom she had passed on the torch of her campaign, met with no resistance. Padmore had had enough: he was within a year of the normal retirement age. and he volunteered to retire a few months early, in Novem-

matched his talents. But he looked forward to enjoying his retirement, and in this he was not disappointed. A central motive was to give more time to music, both as listener and as player. He took up the claimed no skill, but it became a real pleasure to him. His experience as an administrator was often called upon but he sensibly rationed the amount of work that he took on. This did not prevent him . giving valuable service in the fields of music - he was chairman of the Handel Opera Society, for instance - and

medical research. Once retired from the Civil Service, Padmore felt free to express his own political views. He was dismayed at the prospect of a single European currency, and what he considered to be the stealthy invasion of British life by Brussels bureaucrats, and towards the end of his life he fired off a spate of cogently-argued let-ters on the subject to newspaper editors. He was a wellread man, and even when he was quite old, he could quote reams of Milton and Shakespeare.

Thomas Padmore was ap-pointed CB in 1947, KCB in 1953 and GCB in 1965. He was twice married: in 1934 to Alice Alcock, who died in 1963, and in 1964 to Rosalind Culhane, LVO, OBE, a former colleague of his in the Treasury, who died last year. Thus, he celebrated two silver wedding anniversaries. He is survived by the two daughters of hisber 1968. Through no fault of his own, was a pyrrhic victory. His Padmore's career had not

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THE LATE MR. SPURGEON.

A manifestation of public respect and affection as striking and impressive as was shown in the case of the late Cardinal Manning was presented yesterday in the Metropolitan Tabernacle and the adjacent streets. The building was opened at 7 o'clock in the morning, and from that moment to the same hour in the evening when no more were admitted, a constant throng, varying in density, but with no gap in succession, made their way along the two aisles, past the coffin, which rests just below and in front of the platform, and through the two exits provided in front of the Pastor's College and through the gateway of the Jubile-house, erected in honour of Mr. Spurgeon when he completed his 50th year. Persons of almost all ranks, including working men with their tools, children carrying their lather's dinners, men and women little raised above destitution, made their way through the thick but orderly

crowd. Calculation of numbers in such a case can only be vague and can scarcely be accurate; but it was said that during the first hour some 3.000 had entered, and that by 11 the total was not less than 10,000. In the afternoon the line of visitors extended from the points of egress, the whole length of Temple-street, along the short

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At the age of 30 Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-92) was already preaching to Baptist congregations of more than 10,000. He became the most popular preacher of his day.

piece of the main road, and round the corner again to the main entrance of the Tabernacle. It was roughly estimated by the officials that at the busiest time as many as 1500 persons passed through the building in the course of every ten minutes. It was granfying to observe that the appeal to make free-will offerings in honour of the dead instead of sending flowers met with a liberal response; and a very large proportion of the visiturs-almost indeed a majority, and even those whose aspect and attire bespoke poverty—dropped their cop-pers into the wooden collecting boxes for the Stockwell Orphanage,

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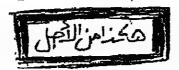
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There was naturally none of the aesthetic display in which the Church of Rome delights: and it cannot be said that the interior of the building is beautiful. But there was by no means a complete absence of adornment. The gas brackets in the gallery were all lighted, and the pulpit and platform were draped with black hangings looped with white bows; wreaths of flowers had been placed at the foot wreaths of howers had been placed at the root of the colfin in the morning, and a beautiful harp with golden strings, composed of roses, violets, and blies, had been sent by the Baptist churches of Belfast. The congregation of Gorhals Tabernacle, Glasgow, had also contributed a wreath tramed into the form of an anchor, with the words. The sun shines at least it with the string of the string ngth, quoted from a letter of Mr. Spurgeon from Mentone. Above the harp, one of whose strings was broken, were a sword and trowel of violets, and below it were inscribed the

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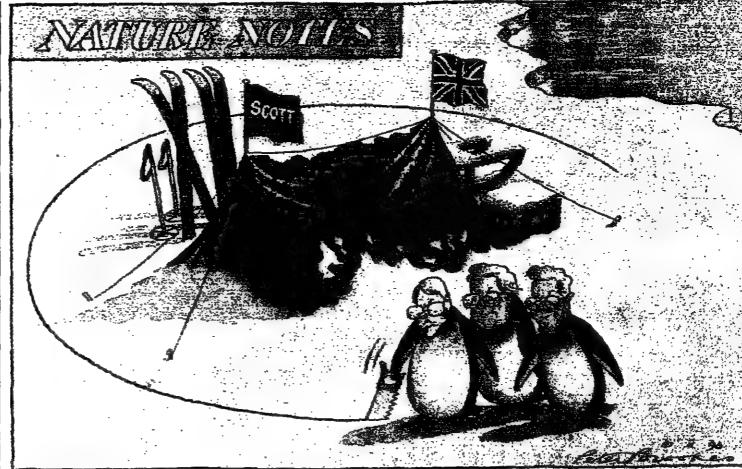
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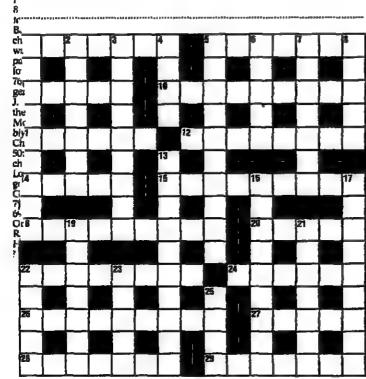


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majority of cricketers today that the one-day international came into existence quite by chance, it happened in Melbourne in the first week of 1971, and no uncommon powers of prophecy were needed among those present to foretell that no ordinary acorn

had been planted.
The Melbourne climate is notoriously fickle. Not infrequently, autumin, winter, spring and summer all show up on the same day. On this occasion, the weather over the new year was not so much capricious as relentless. The third Test match between Australia and England was due to be played between December 31, 1970 and January 5, 1971; but England's cricketers are not renowned as rain-makers for

four-year drought into flooding. In

t must seem odd to the great. Eve, the rain set in just after Bill Lawry and Raymond Illingworth, the captains, had tossed up, and was still beating down three days later. England tours were conducted in those days under the aegis of MCC - this was so from 1903-04 until 1976-77 - and besides David Clark, the manager of the MCC side, there were in Melbourne at the time Sir Cyril Hawker, the president of the club, and Gubby

Allen, the treasurer. Between them, these three, together with Sir Donald Bradman. the chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, and Ray Steele, its treasurer, took what was to prove a momentous decision. They abandoned the Test match or, to be more accurate, postponed it for three weeks (it eventually replaced a four-day match against Victoria and a one-day match against a Victorian Country XI), and declared that, in its place, a one-day



The first limited-overs international had a swift and profound effect on the game. John Woodcock saw it

game of 40 eight-ball overs a side would be played when the skies

There was the inevitable murmuring among the players, who asked for, and received a special match fee. England's asked, too, though without conviction or success, for a seventeenth player to be sent for, to help hear the extra workload, which was really more imaginary than real. They were unimpressed, I remember, when told how Lord Harris had remarked, halfway through his tour of Australia in 1878-79, that he had made a big mistake in taking 12 players. "They are all so keen to play," he said, "that it would have

WHO PLAYS WHERE AND WHEN

saved me a lot of bother had I brought only 11."

The propriety of so rejigging MCC's programme in 1970-71 was discounted, rather surprisingly in retrospect, and the extemporary fixture, played on what was to have been the last day of the Test match. January 5. is now recognised as the first official one-day international. Being a Tuesday, the caterers at the Melbourne Cricke: Ground were advised to allow for a crowd of no more than 20,000. Instead, 46,006 turned up, and nobody doubted it when Bradman told the assembled company that they "could well have seen history made"

Ever since, "instant cricket", as it

was called already in England, has just "growed and growed". It took barely four years for the World Cup to become established. Played in England, the first of them culminated in as thrilling a final. between Australia and West Indies at Lord's in June 1975, as there is ever likely to be. West Indies had a tremendous batting side, with Fredericks, Greenidge, Kalli-charran, Kanhai, Lloyd and Rich-ards filling the first six places, while, for Australia, Thomson and Lillee were at their peak. As for the fielding, nobody among a full

As telegenic theatre, it was a sure winner, a fact that did not, of course, escape a certain Kerry Packer, the owner of his own television channel. Half Australia, including him for all I know, sat up first final, so that, when the idea of

house at Lord's had ever seen

a travelling circus, involving some of the best players in the world, was put to Packer's Channel Nine, its commercial possibilities were unmistakable. Out came the chequebook, up went the stakes and fierce blew the tempest. The game was never to be the same again.

One of the sporting myths of the 20th century is that when, in 1977, Packer came down "like the wolf on the fold", cricket was in need of him. Internationally, it was in rude health, but then perspectives be-came blurred. Helmets became standard issue; harmony became discord; traditionalism gave way to razzmatazz, moderation to promiscuity; and one-day cricket was so upgraded that today, in the countries where the sixth World Cup is about to be played. Test cricket is on a life-support machine. Seen in this context, perhaps January 5,

Kenyans the toughest new kids on the block

BY DAVID TOWNSEND

THE three new kids on the Steve Lubbers, their veteran World Cup block are not expected to upset the big boys, or even cause them mild embarrassment, but their presence will be noticed.

The United Arab Emirates have already created debate with their predominantly Pakistani line up. Holland's appearance after two nearmisses will be cheered and the progress of Kenya must interest those keen to see the game

expand globally.
It was with this latter aim in mind that the International Cricket Council (ICC) decided to expand the eight-team format of previous World Cups

(nine in 1992, when South Africa were late entrants) to 12. The associate members

UAE, and Holland claimed the third 'All that is place by defeating Bermuda in a missing is play off. From the start of a lively a tournament that

included teams as pace diverse as Bangladesh. Gibraltar. quartet Argentina and Hong Kong, there was played almost was widespread dissatisfaction about the formulation of the UAE squad. was played almost exclusively by white settlers—tion about the formulation of the UAE squad.

The ICC's qualification rules deemed a player eligible represent a country if he had lived there for the majority of the past four years. The UAE team leant heavily on-such imported talent, with all but one of their 16-man squad an immigrant worker in the

Only Sultan Zarawani, the captain, was a natural national, with the balance consisting of nine Pakistanis, five Indians — including Riaz Poonawala, once twelfth man in a Test match - and a Sri Lankan. Zarawani's contribution on the field was minimal: in the final he bowled three loose overs of leg spin and was the only member of his side not to bat.

Vikram Kaul, the team manager and also an Indian. saw nothing wrong in the UAE complying with a set of rules that they had no part in framing, but there was little. celebration at his side's success and the ICC immediately began discussing new residential criteria.

By contrast, Holland's qualification, after twice finishing runners-up to Zimbabwe, was warmly applauded, not least : matches may lead the ICC to a because it is the last chance for

captain, and Nolan Clarke, the remarkable 47-year-old former Barbados opener, to compete in cricket's top

Clarke's unbeaten century, which helped to clinch the last place in the finals, has given the Dutch a chance to exploit the television coverage that they have always thought necessary to promote the game in Europe.

With a change in residential qualification and the ageing of key players pointing to diffi-cult times ahead for the UAE and Holland, it is Kenya who seem most likely to dominate

While ICC officials privately look to the tradition, populaqualified through the 1994 tion and grassroots participa-ICC Trophy, which was held tion in Bangladesh to spawn a in Nairobi. The hosts lost are tenth Test-playing nation, it is exciting final to the not fanciful to suggest that, by 2010, the East Africans

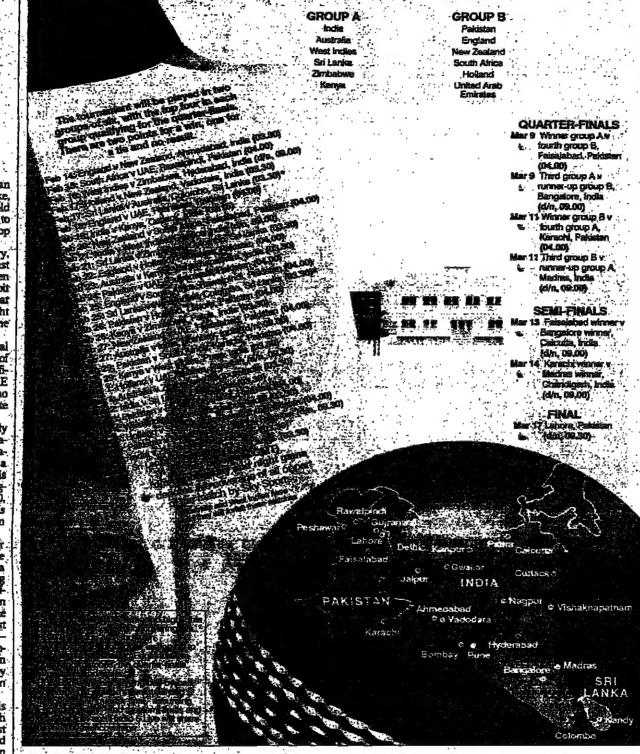
will have beaten them to it. The reason for the rapid advance of cricket in Kenya involvement of A vers.. in the past, the game

the 1975 World Cup - and by minority Asian population.

Now, the Kenyan side is predominantly African, with its players copying West Indies with high-fives and flamboyant-strokeplay from Steve Tikolo and Maurice Odumbe. All that is missing is a lively pace quartet, but, with cricket now beginning to offer its best players a fabulous lifestyle in Kenya, it is surely only a matter of time before the conveyor belt begins.

The ICC is taking a considerable gamble by including three new teams in the World Cup. While Zimbabwe did, famously, beat Australia by 13 runs to win their first World Cup encounter in 1983, 18 consecutive defeats followed until victory over England in 1992. East Africa failed to make an impression in 1975 and Canada's outing in 1979 produced the then lowest total in a one-day international —

45 against England. There is enough experience in the three squads to avoid similar embarrassment this time, but a series of one-sided thrashings in the group rethink for the future.



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Atherton the rock on which to build

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, runs the rule over the squad bearing England's hopes

Michael Atherton

A first World Cup for Atherton (right) and a chance to show he is more than a five-day blocker. The ideal anchorman, England will want him to bat for most of an mnings — so nothing new here. Tactically rigid for one-day cricket, but now fully and rightly respected as captain and must hold on to the job whatever

Alec Stewart

Lost his form in South Africa, when his feet were out of tune with his brain. Capable of thriling one-day innings, although Ova trained and may struggle for fluency on slow Asian pitches Could keep wicket, though Rus-sell's form suggests he will

Graeme Hick

A natural No 3 for instant cricket and should be used there. Batted more commandingly than his figures showed in South Africa, not least because he relaxed at lest. Has far more to offer and, with useful off spin and brilliam outfielding, could be thought the most complete one-day player in



Robin Smith

No longer the brawny dasher of old, Smith (above) can look an anguished figure at the crease these days and is no certainty to these days and is no certainty to make the final XI, even if he recovers from injury. He has the experience to be an important player, though, and could open if

Graham Thorpe

Found his form all too late in South Africa but this could be his stage if he gets over his habit-ually neurotic starts. Fluent, confident and, importantly, left-

Neil Fairbrother

A one-off. Of no use in Test cricket but indispensable for a one-day series in which angles and squeezes the ball to unlikely, unguarded areas. En-gland's top-scorer and best fielder in the 1992 final but not quite the same force now.

Craig White

On his form hangs Raymond filingworth's reputation An odd selection, after a poor A-team tour and, with Dermot Reeve omitted, neither his batting nor housing reem suited to likely bowling seem suited to likely but little form to match



Jack Russell

Demanded inclusion with his frisky, adaptable batting in South Africa. His wicketkeeping inspires confidence and his new maturity, bordering on the gregarious, makes him the ideal senior professional.

Neil Smith

Fine temperament, as belits the son of M J K, and as capable of big hitting in the closing overs as he is of a teiling spell of off spin. Not the best of fielders but could

Dominic Cork

Keeps rising to each new challenge, a man born for the big occasion. Will love the crowds and adulation and, if he keeps the theatricals under control, will be England's best bowler again.

Darren Gough

The action, nip and late swing were encouragingly restored during the South African one-day series after a troubled year, if he holds it together, and remains fit, he is a match-winner.

Peter Martin

Made giant strides in South Africa, where the captain's confidence in him was vital. A little too gentle to be a serious fast swings the ball late and should be effective on slow pitches:

Phillip DeFreitas

The only man in the squad to have played in two previous World Cups (and finals), but his career is a tale of unfulfilment and inconsistency. Still an effective bowler when in the mood but should make more unsured. but should make more runs.

Richard Illingworth

Has learnt the virtues of flight and become a more rounded bowler for it. Metronomic and economical, illingworth (below) will start as senior spinner but may find he is competing with Neil Smith for a place.



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CRICKET WORLD CUP





Riches in store after the ridicule

tournament that has been plagued by political tension

attracted ridicule and condemna- 1987 that findis and Pakistan last tion in its run-up but it is on the delivery that it must be judged. Out of a jungle of political tension, logistical chaos and administrative brinkmanship, there just might emerge a memorable sporting comThe present event, which starts petition, one that does justice to the on Wednesday, is more ambitious, largest gathering of leading cricketing countries in the game's

history. Given what has already occurred, a complete shambles seems the likelier outcome, but to denounce in advance is to forget that the nations staging the tournament live, by nature, on the edge. Their organisation of sporting events habitually bewilders by producing what, at the eleventh hour, had seemed impossible. They may astound everyone by doing so again.

No one should underestimate what is at stake for India and Pakistan. With revenue from the event likely to reach £40 million, the joint hosts share all profits after the prize-money (£200,000) and statutory guarantees to competing nations have been met. Sri Lanka, who did not commit any money at the bidding stage, are not entitled to any of the profits, making them, with the developments of the past week, losers all round.

There is political capital to be made out of successfully staging such a competition, too, and the wonder of it is that this can be shared equally by two nations who, off the cricket field, are seldom far from a state of war with each other. The possibility of them being drawn together at the knockout stage of the cup is not altogether an

combined as the venue for the World Cup and despite a background of tension relating to the South African ties of some England players, it passed off smoothly.

involving 12 teams rather than the eight who took part in 1987 and nine in 1992. The method of accommodating the extra sides is dubious, giving the impression that the three weeks of qualifying games are largely irrelevant to the kneckout rounds which follow. It is the introduction of a quarter-final round that is crucial, for it means that only one Test-playing country, in all probability Zimbabwe, need

and administrative chaos before a ball has been bowled be eliminated after 30 group games. This ludicrously long-winded process suffers by comparison with the method used in Australia four years ago, when all the teams played each other in a round-robin format, the top four proceeding to the semi-finals. It was thought that

this would take an impracticable time with 12 sides, though India's insistence on staging all 17 of its group games on different grounds, thus adding to the travelling complemies, has hardly helped.

and pick up one other victory each. England, theoretically, are in an easier group, as it includes Holland and the United Arab Emirates. Tempting providence, it is difficult

The comfort zone produced by the new rules contributed to the stance adopted by Australia and tions. But then similar things were said about Zimbabwe in 1992 and West Indies over playing in Sri Lanka. Safety concerns notwith-England were beaten by them. Do not dismiss England's pros-

standing, they knew they could still qualify for the last eight after conceding a match, as long as they both beat Zimbabwe and Kenya better limited-overs side than that

to envisage even England losing to these ICC associate member na-

pects of winning the cup. Dismiss, instead, the evidence of their wretched one-day performances at the fag-end of their South African tour when, by the admission even of those involved, their eye had strayed from the ball. They are a

Cork and, one hopes, a resurgent Darren Gough, they could have some of the key players of the tournament.

Australia's status as favourites has been eroded, not by their playing form, which continues to be imperious, but their evident mental frailty over the security issue. While they are the best team in the world, they can be beaten in these circumstances.

West Indies, who won the first two World Cups and, to general astonishment, lost in the final of the third, have not reached the last four in either of the two most recent tournaments and it will be a mild surprise if they do so here. If Brian Lara is mentally attuned, they can their bowling attack is not ideally designed for limited-overs cricket and their batting, without Carl Hooper, is fragile.

New Zealand were the revelation of the 1992 event, moulding an inventive game-plan to predictably slow home pitches. They will try similar tactics here but the inspiration of Martin Crowe will be missed. South Africa have a better chance, for their fielding will be outstanding, their batting durable and their fast bowling probably peerless. Of the visiting nations, I make them favourites.

Of the three hosts, Sri Lanka

have turned in some good recent results but will not, ultimately, have the necessary depth, while Pakistan, the holders, are capable of great heights and dismal depths on consecutive days, but will suffer for poor fielding and perhaps the pressures of home support. They have not found harmony as a team since the departure of Imran Khan and it is hard to see how the latest return of Javed Miandad can help. India, who will use three spin bowlers and boast the most attractive batting of any side, are my idea of the likeliest winners. They have a settled captain in Mohammad Azharuddin, a batting prince in Sachin Tendulkar and a matchwinning leg-spin bowler in Anil Kumble. They have come a long way since their ineptitude in the inaugural World Cup match, 21 years ago, when they were so overswed by England's total of 334 that they batted as if playing for a draw. The coming five weeks will show just how far.

Rain rule might not prevent another farce

BY SIMON WILDE

IF THE organisers of the World Cup think their embarrassment will end with the dispute over Sri Lankan venues, they may be sadly mistaken. Let it rain, and then Pilcom might wish the tournament had gone to England after all.

Rain is the bane of the one-day game. It means revised targets, claims of unfair treatment and misery all round, as the Australians know only too well after their "rain rule" was held up to ridicule during

the last World Cup.

Then, the England-South Africa semi-final in Sydney descended into farce when rain stopped play for 12 minutes with South Africa needing 22 runs from 13 balls. That had promised to be a fair contest but the rules dictated that, on the resumption, the

ball and England were handed a tame, and unsatisfactory, victory. The greatest non-sense, of course, was that there was no need to recalculate at all: if conditions permitted

one ball more, why not 13? That system has been abundoned but is the new one — based on a method devised by a South African schoolboy — devoid of potential embarrassment! Unfortunately not. It appears logical enough, drawing on a detailed mathematical analysis of one-day matches to attempt to establish what constitutes a revised target fair to both sides in any given situation, should rain inter-

For example, Team A scores 250 in its 50 overs and Team B's reply is shortened by rain. If it is reduced to 25 overs, reference to the Target Score Calculation Chart issued to

arget was an impossible 21 runs from one all teams shows that they must score 66.7 per cent of Team A's total to win, which would mean a target of 167.

> If Team B is limited to 30 overs, the chart says they must score 76 per cent of the original larget (or 190 runs); if 40 overs, 90.7 cent (227 runs). To constitute a match, the team batting second must receive at least 25 overs: if that cannot be done on the first day, a new match can be started on a second, reserve day.

> So what would the loss of 12 balls have meant to South Africa at Sydney in 1992 tinder the new rule? Their target would have been reduced by 1.8 per cent, or four runs fewer than the 252 runs England scored, which sounds reasonable enough had South Africa known that from the start of their innings but, with the rain coming late, they would have still required 17 runs from that

final ball. The occasion would still have been a farce.

This new method works distinctly against the team batting second when the overs are lost part of the way through their innings," Tony Lewis, a university mathematics lecturer who discussed an alternative system with the International Cricket Council (ICC), said. "It is only fair when the lost overs occur at the beginning of the second team's innings. It does not provide a fair

target-setting procedure."

The ICC, the game's governing body which has no direct control over the World Cup this year, has asked Lewis to present his system - which takes into account the stage of the innings that overs are lost and the number of wickets that have fallen - to its annual meeting this summer. But it might be too late to save Pilcom's blushes.

200 hours of crick

Tendulkar, a king among batsmen

From old stagers to temperamental stars, fallen heroes to wronged men, the cast is strong

Differing types who will hit the headlines

Michael Henderson on the men

who are likely to dominate

the news during the tournament

he cricket World Cup is an admirable instrument for making fools of us all. Did India not win it in 1983, defending a total of 183 at Lord's against a West Indies team sniffing a third successive triumph? Four years later was it really Australia, then the rubbing-rags of cricket, who finished top? At the last competition, held in Australia and New Zealand, how did Pakistan overcome an

They did, and the memory of that transformation must encourage the lesser-fancied teams as they prepare for the sixth World Cup, which begins this week. If Pakistan could sort themselves out, Michael Atherron will be tell-Finalists in 1979, 1987 and aguin four years ago, when Wasim Akram undid them in Melbourne with a startling exposition of swing bowling.

England — yes, even the bunch who bent the knee 'Lara has to South Africa last become month — are capable of winning the the prince of pouters

in the past

six months'

trophy. The odd thing about the World Cup is that it has never been won by the host nation. This time there are "home"

India appear to have the best chance of success. Pakistan are still trying to regroup after 18 appalling months riven by mud-slinging and internal dis-sent. As for Sri Lanka, who are slowly emerging as a force in world cricket, their problems have less to do with the actual playing of the game than the political machinations they can hardly avoid.

So who can one expect to make the news in the coming month? The obvious candidates can sometimes be upstaged by the foot-soldiers. In 1992. Dipak Patel, the allrounder transplanted from the land, opened the bowling with his innocent off-twirl and helped his side score a tactical success. Limited-overs cricket dances to a different, more heetic tune than the first-class game and it can pay to bribe the band. Still, there are some lively characters for the headline-hunters to follow.

The old stager: Javed Miandad, Pakistan's senior citizen, at 38, has moved heaven and earth to get himself picked for this competition. Miandad has played in the previous five tournaments but the seriousness of his leg injury means he cannot be fully fit. The old crock wants to go out in a blaze of glory. It is asking a lot.

The temperamental star: in the past six months Brian Lara has become the prince of pouters. The West Indies management has been exceedingly generous to him. given his truculence and the overt way he seeks to succeed Richie Richardson as captain. For all that, he is a great batsman.

The king of the world: Sachin Tendulkar has the talent and the home comforts seems to have been around for ages, India's leading batsman is only 22, four years younger than Lara, and has not yet outgrown his original cap size.

The wronged man: Muttiah Muralitharan, the Sri Lanka off spinner, was humiliated Australia in Melbourne when Darrell Hair, the home um-pire, no-balled him seven times for throwing. His perforsub-plot as the story unfolds.

The fallen man: much de-pends on Salim Malik's batring if Pakistan are to translate their raw talent into achieveassociated in people's minds

with the great bribery row that surfaced last year Shane when Warne and Mark Waugh alleged he had tried to buy them off. Like Javed, his time is almost up. The stars-in-

waiting: Shaun mightily for South Africa during the

recent Test series victory over England, howling fast with the new ball and making valuable runs down the order. He is already an important member of a strong team. Likewise, Dominic Cork has secured his place in England's side and. provided his knees stand up. he should excel.

The stricken captain: Richie Richardson's meter has not got many more miles to clock. The West Indies captain leads a rocky ship and the crew's loyalty is not certain. A decent man. Richardson has presided over the decline of a team that appears increasingly fallible.

The best bowier: Shane Warne, the wrist spinner who is the brightest star in cricket's firmament, ahead of Ten dulkar and Lara, gives Australia a matchless advantage. Yet he may be the focus of unwelcome attention in Pakistan after the Salim allegations. Another wrist spinner, Anil Kumble, of India, should do well in conditions he knows. Among the faster bowlers, Allan Donald, of South Africa, and tif he is not too busy sulking) Curtly Ambrose, of West Indies, should get most out of the slow pitches.

The fastest-century maker: given Michael Slater's natural aggression and the rules that forbid more than two men beyond the circle for the first 15 overs of an innings, the Australian opener will not lack opportunity. Along with Tendulkar, he could be the chief pleasure-giver of the



Muralitharan's action will again be scrutinised after the recent chucking controversy in Australia



The appeal of Warne, left, should not be diminished by the limited-overs context. Pollock emerged triumphant in the Test series against England



Shock treatments that add refinement to one-day game

IT IS all too easy for teams to allow one-day cricket to become too complicated. Talk of pinch-hiners, opening the bowling with spinners, and holding back strike bowlers can distract from the game's essentials. If you bat, bowl and field better than the opposition you will almost always come out

That does not mean that there is not a considerable advantage to be gained by resorting to the unexpected, as New Zealand amply demonstrated during the last World Cup. in Australasia four years ago, when they flummoxed several opening batsmen

The role of the slow bowler may be different this time. On the hard, dusty pitches and outfields of the sub-continent. the ball will wear rapidly and they may be required to take it in the later stages of an innings, when it has nothing to offer most fast-medium bowlers.

Spin will undoubtedly play a key role in the competition. India and Sri Lanka, two of the three host teams, will rely more on slow danger for all sides in the group matches is that many grounds have short boundaries. exposing those who flight the ball to

anything else, the new ball might be put to better use. It is generally recognised that, when new, the white ball — which will be used in all matches - swings more than the traditional red one and this might be the time to use a medium-pace bowler who can

Some bowlers, of course, can do too much. Dominic Cork, a natural swinger of the ball, is one and England might be wise to hold nim back until later in the innings. This is one reason why South Africa do not give the new ball to Allan Donald, quite apart from the fact that he is destructive enough to badly disrupt the middle period of a 50-

deviate much off the seam. To escape heavy punishment, the fast-medium bowlers will need to move the ball in the air with control and vary their pace - bowlers of the type of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, of Pakistan, Srinath, of India, McMillan, of South Africa, and Gough, of England.

When the World Cup was held last on the sub-continent, in 1987, sides batting first opponents wilted under the heat and pressure and failed to reach their targets 19 times in 27 matches. This time, though, the climate will not be so hostile, as the competition is being

A key battleground will be the first 15 overs of an innings, when all but two of the fielding side must be within the "ring". During the last World Cup, when this rule was also in force, some teams used specialist batsmen to hit over the top - Botham for England, Greatbatch for New Zealand.

The trend continues: By sometimes using Lira and Tendulkar as openers, West Indies and India have risked their best players in search of good starts. More recently, other sides have started to gamble with more "expendable" batsmen, it will be interesting to see which strategy works best.

Television channels plugging into new territory

BY IVO TENNANT

THE sixth World Cup is to be covered more extensively on television and radio than any in the past A cargo plane will ferry 40 tonnes of equipment and innumerable technicians around the sub-continent to enable Sky to show more than 200 hours of

live tricket.

The BBC has reached an agreement with Sky to televise highlights and Today the current affairs certain days, make way for ball-by-ball coverage. Over the 33 days of

competition. Sky Sports will show 29 matches in full plus highlights every tators will include Richie Benaud, Geoffrey Boycott - returning to the team after moving to radio for the England tour of South Africa - Tony Greig and Tony Lewis. Charles Col-Isleworth interviewing the likes of Angus Fraser and Dermot Reeve.

At each match Sky will use nine cameras, four chines, one stump camera, one stump microphone and no fewer than 35

Those matches restrict live fixtures deemed to be



show highlights on ten evenings, starting with En-gland's opening fixture against New Zealand on February 14, which will be on Sportsnight. All of Ensemi-finals and the final, Agnew. Peter Baxter and Mike Selvey form the core of the commentary team. John Barciay, the England assistant manager, might also be employed as a

summariser. "I aim to have a report on every match and have the rights to do the quarter-finals even if England do not qualify." Baxter, the producer, said. "Expecta-tions of quality go up all the time but I can't afford an engineer - I'm doing that myself. I don't think Eve done anything on such shaky ground before, yet we are aiming for a great deal of ball-try-ball cov-

Of England's five qualifying matches, the three that take place on Sundays Radio 5 Live and the two on Weekdays - their opening fixture and that against Holland on February 22 - on Radio 4 long

Meanwhile, spare a thought for the commentators, who have to continue at their post without concern about bombs going off around them. Fortunately for Sky and BBC viewers, three of the hardiest cricketers to have played the game have been Benaud, Greig and the most doughty of all. Ian

9 cameras, 4 slo-mo replay machines, 35 technicians, 5 commentators, strap-cam and 1 stump-mike